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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI`I AT MANOA TO ESTABLISH A  
MUSLIMS IN ASIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

1           WHEREAS, several years ago, discussions began within the  
2 University of Hawai`i at Manoa for the establishment of an  
3 interdisciplinary Muslims in Asia Research Institute and such  
4 discussions are still ongoing; and

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6           WHEREAS, although other universities have successfully  
7 established and secured both national and international funding  
8 for Middle Eastern Research Institutes, an interdisciplinary  
9 Muslim Asia Research Institute would be the first of its kind in  
10 the United States, filling an educational gap about Muslims in  
11 Asia and relevant to the University of Hawai`i's international  
12 focus on Asia and the Pacific; and

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14           WHEREAS, the University of Hawai`i at Manoa is ideally  
15 suited for such a Muslims in Asia Research Institute, since it  
16 has faculty expertise for Islam in Asia, and since it serves as  
17 the gateway between the United States and the nations of the  
18 Pacific Rim, which have large Muslim and Asian populations; and

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20           WHEREAS, several Asian governments and partner schools,  
21 various national groups, as well as the federal government have  
22 expressed interest in such a research institute; and

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24           WHEREAS, in efforts to diversify our economy, higher  
25 education is a viable means to attract revenue, and with an  
26 interdisciplinary Muslims in Asia Research Institute comes the  
27 opportunity for grant and research moneys and the ability to tap  
28 a niche in the higher education market, as well as promote  
29 better international understanding of Islam in Asia; now,  
30 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai`i, Regular  
 3 Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
 4 Hawai`i at Manoa is encouraged to establish a Muslims in Asia  
 5 Research Institute; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to David McClain, president  
 10 of the University of Hawai`i, Virginia Hinshaw, chancellor of  
 11 the University of Hawai`i at Manoa, the Center for Southeast  
 12 Asian Studies, the Center for South Asian Studies, the  
 13 University of Hawai`i at Manoa Study Abroad Center, the Director  
 14 of the Pacific Asian Management Institute, the Office of the  
 15 Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at the  
 16 University of Hawai`i at Manoa, the Pacific Asian Management  
 17 Institute and Center for International Business Education and  
 18 Research (CIBER), the Department of Indo-Pacific Languages &  
 19 Literatures at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa, the  
 20 Department of Philosophy at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa,  
 21 and the School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of  
 22 Hawai`i at Manoa.

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