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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE  
CENTER ON AGING AND TO RE-OPEN THE GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1988 the University of Hawaii Board of Regents  
2 established the Center on Aging; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Center on Aging was created to encourage  
5 interdisciplinary research, education, and service in the area  
6 of Gerontology; and

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8 WHEREAS, for several years, the University of Hawaii  
9 administration provided adequate funding for the Center on Aging  
10 to fulfill the above stated goals; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Center on Aging fulfilled its mission by  
13 facilitating a number of interdisciplinary research grant  
14 proposals such as:

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16 (1) Establishing two certificate programs for  
17 undergraduate and graduate students and community  
18 professionals;
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20 (2) Encouraging new gerontology courses to be offered in  
21 various departments at the University of Hawaii at  
22 Manoa;
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24 (3) Offering gerontology training to faculty members  
25 throughout the University of Hawaii system;
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27 (4) Producing a thirteen-hour public television series and  
28 college telecourse on aging which aired nationally on  
29 over one hundred Public Broadcasting Service stations;  
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32 (5) Providing consultation, research assistance, training  
33 programs, and program development help to numerous  
34 state agencies and community organizations; and  
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1           WHEREAS, since 1993, the University of Hawaii reduced its  
2 funding to the Center on Aging to only support one secretarial  
3 position, and yet, despite this restricted funding, the Center  
4 was able to accomplish the many activities which have been  
5 briefly described above; and

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7           WHEREAS, for many years, Dr. Kathryn Braun served as  
8 volunteer director of the Center on Aging, using part of her  
9 salary to employ staff and faculty, making it possible to  
10 continue the Center's activities; and

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12           WHEREAS, in the past twenty years, the Center on Aging has  
13 competed for and received many grants and contracts which  
14 enabled them to carry out the mission intended by the Board of  
15 Regents; and

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17           WHEREAS, many of the graduates of the University of Hawaii  
18 Gerontology certificate programs have gone on to occupy  
19 positions of importance in aging programs in Hawaii and  
20 elsewhere; and

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22           WHEREAS, these certificate programs are no longer in  
23 operation, due to lack of faculty to provide the needed course  
24 work; and

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26           WHEREAS, University of Hawaii faculty interested in  
27 Gerontology have, at the request of the administration, produced  
28 business plans to show how the Center on Aging could be  
29 re-invigorated in order to serve the needs of the State and the  
30 Asia-Pacific region; and

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32           WHEREAS, despite its many positive accomplishments, the  
33 University of Hawaii administration has not provided adequate  
34 support for the Center on Aging; and

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36           WHEREAS, the Barbara Cox Anthony estate recently provided a  
37 \$2 million gift to the University of Hawaii to support  
38 Gerontology activities, however, this funding has not been  
39 received by the Center on Aging; and

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41           WHEREAS, with its rapidly expanding older population, the  
42 State of Hawaii has a great need for a Center on Aging to help  
43 deal with the many, complex problems which this population  
44 expansion produces; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
4 of 2009, that the University of Hawaii administration is urged  
5 to immediately expand its support for the Center on Aging, and  
6 take such steps as are necessary to re-open the University's  
7 gerontology certificate programs; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University  
10 is requested to provide a report to the Legislature on the  
11 progress of the Gerontology certificate programs no later than  
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
13 2010; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the  
17 University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Director of the University of  
18 Hawaii Center on Aging, the Chair of the University of Hawaii  
19 Board of Regents, and the Director of the Executive Office on  
20 Aging.

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