## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PATSY MINK NORTH SHORE HERITAGE PARK ON THE ISLAND OF MAUT.

WHEREAS, each year since 2005, legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to study the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands along the North Shore of Maui, Hawaii, as "The Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park"; and

WHEREAS, Congress has also received thousands of letters, cards, and petitions containing numerous signatures from both the residents of, and visitors to, Maui, all of whom fully support this concept; and

WHEREAS, the proposed park will consist of 130 acres of land and encompass important open space and public beach areas benefitting all the residents of Hawaii Nei as well as visitors to Hawaii, and will provide a lasting legacy for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Hawaii State Legislature has made the importance of Hawaii's environment, the strengthening of environmental safeguards, the support of national parks, and the preservation of the North West Hawaiian Islands, a priority; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of The Pasty Mink North Shore Heritage Park on the island of Maui will preserve Hawaii's natural beauty which is known world-wide and will be a fitting memorial to her important work, passion for, and service to the citizens of Hawaii and our Nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the United States Congress is urged to establish

The Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park on the island of Maui; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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