
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE FALLS OF CLYDE AS A SAILING JEWEL OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the significance of sailing to the State of
2 Hawai'i is apparent by the existence of those who have braved
3 the high seas in the past; and
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5 WHEREAS, the earliest people who arrived in Hawai'i,
6 supported by archaeological evidence, sailed on a double hulled
7 canoe across the ocean; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the late 1770's Captain Cook sailed from Europe
10 to Hawai'i, as did the missionaries in the early 1800's sailed
11 from the Cape around the Horn; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde built and launched from Port
14 Glasgow, Scotland in 1878 and sailed the seas as a trade ship,
15 its voyages taking it to Karachi, Australia, India, New Zealand,
16 the British Isles and California; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 1899, Capt. William Matson purchased the Falls
19 of Clyde, and it became the first four-mast ship to fly the
20 Hawaiian flag; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 1900 a special Act of Congress allowed the ship
23 to fly both the United States and Hawaiian Flags; and
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25 WHEREAS, from 1900 until 1907, the Falls of Clyde serviced
26 the residents of Hawai'i by carrying sugar from Hilo to San
27 Francisco and returning with goods for Hawaii residents; and
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29 WHEREAS, after being purchased by an oil company in 1907,
30 the ship was refitted and continued its hard work as a bulk
31 tanker and oil barge; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde still continued to serve Hawaii
3 for 13 years, hauling molasses from Hilo to San Francisco; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 1963 the Falls of Clyde was rescued and
6 returned to Hawaii with the help of Honolulu Advertiser's
7 columnist Bob Kraus, the maritime community, Hawaii's school
8 children and the U.S. Navy; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum took over management and the
11 Falls of Clyde was docked at Pier 5 in Honolulu Harbor and was
12 then toured by tens of thousands of people; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde was named a National Historic
15 Monument by the National Parks Service in 1988; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Friends of the Falls of Clyde formed
18 a nonprofit corporation in order to save the ship; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde, with a wrought-iron hull and
21 at two hundred sixty five feet long and weighing more than a
22 thousand tons, is the only surviving fully rigged four-mast
23 sailing ship remaining in the world; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2009, that the Falls of Clyde is recognized as a historic
28 jewel of Hawaii; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Falls of Clyde should
31 always be treasured and protected by the State of Hawaii and its
32 residents; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair of the
36 Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Bishop Museum, and
37 the Friends of the Falls of Clyde.
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