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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE 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 has been made apparent by those who have braved the high  
3 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, Captain William Matson purchased the  
19 Falls of Clyde, and it became the first four-mast ship to fly  
20 the 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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33           WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde still continued to serve Hawaii  
34 for 13 years, hauling molasses from Hilo to San Francisco; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in 1963, the Falls of Clyde was rescued and  
2 returned to Hawaii with the help of *Honolulu Advertiser's*  
3 columnist Bob Kraus, the maritime community, Hawaii's school  
4 children, and the U.S. Navy; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum took over management and the  
7 Falls of Clyde was docked at Pier 5 in Honolulu Harbor and was  
8 then toured by tens of thousands of people; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde was named a National Historic  
11 Monument by the National Parks Service in 1989; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Friends of Falls of Clyde formed a  
14 nonprofit corporation to save the ship; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde, with a wrought-iron hull and  
17 at 265 feet long and weighing more than 1,000 tons, is the only  
18 surviving fully rigged four-mast sailing ship remaining in the  
19 world; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Falls of Clyde is  
24 recognized as a historic jewel of Hawaii; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Falls of Clyde should  
27 always be treasured and protected by the State of Hawaii and its  
28 residents; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair of the  
32 Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Bishop Museum, and  
33 the Friends of the Falls of Clyde.

