
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE THE HAWAII CAPITAL CULTURAL
DISTRICT AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas allow residents,
2 government agencies, non-profit groups and private partners to
3 collaboratively plan and implement programs and projects that
4 recognize, preserve and celebrate America's defining landscapes;
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7 WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a place designated by
8 Congress where natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources
9 combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape
10 arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography; and

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12 WHEREAS, there are currently 40 designated National
13 Heritage Areas; and

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15 WHEREAS, the proposed Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area
16 has a unique story in the American experience that is best told
17 through an extraordinary collection of ancient, cultural and
18 historic sites, vibrant neighborhoods and living traditions
19 found throughout the study area; and

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21 WHEREAS, the proposed Hawaii Capital National Heritage
22 Area provides an outstanding opportunity to tell the story of
23 the unique intermingling of numerous ethnic groups and cultures
24 that have come to make up the population of the Hawaiian Islands
25 today; and

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27 WHEREAS, culture and the arts are treasured resources that
28 enhance and enrich the lives of Hawaii's residents and visitors
29 and affect the economy, education, quality of life, and
30 community development; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2009, that Congress is requested to designate the Hawaii
 4 Capital Cultural District as a National Heritage Area; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Resolution be transmitted to each member of Hawaii's
 8 Congressional Delegation, the Executive Director of the State
 9 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Director of the State of
 10 Hawaii's Department of Business, Economic Development, and
 11 Tourism, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority,
 12 and the Director of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau.

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