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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF EACH COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN ARTWORK TO BE  
DISPLAYED AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's history is unique and full of rich  
2 culture and heritage; and

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4           WHEREAS, Hawaii became a territory of the United States in  
5 1900, and in 1937, a Congressional committee concluded that  
6 Hawaii met the requirements for statehood, and in 1940, a  
7 statehood plebiscite required by Congress resulted in a two-to-  
8 one vote in favor of statehood; and

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10          WHEREAS, the process of becoming a state was temporarily  
11 delayed by World War II, but continued after the end of the war;  
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14          WHEREAS, in 1949, the Territorial Legislature approved the  
15 convening of a Constitutional Convention to frame a state  
16 constitution in hopes of expediting statehood; and

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18          WHEREAS, on March 18, 1959, President Eisenhower signed the  
19 Act to Provide for the Admission of the State of Hawaii, and  
20 statehood became official on August 21, 1959, upon the signing  
21 of a proclamation by the President; and

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23          WHEREAS, Hawaii is also unique as an island state composed  
24 of several counties including Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the  
25 City and County of Honolulu; and

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27          WHEREAS, while Hawaii is united as a state, its individual  
28 counties have unique qualities and characteristics that  
29 contribute to Hawaii's diverse appeal; and

30          WHEREAS, Hawaii has reached a landmark as a state and, in  
31 commemoration, the Hawaii 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood  
32 Commission was formed to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> state's historic  
33 milestone; and



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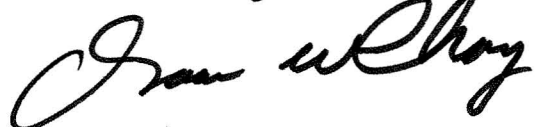


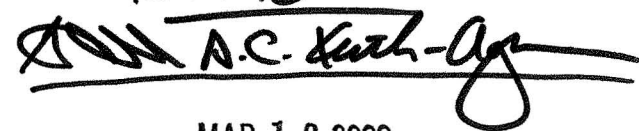
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WHEREAS, the State Capitol building was designed to represent Hawaii's unique environmental and cultural characteristics, and is appropriately the gathering place for all of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the Mayor of each county is requested to submit an artwork representing its cultural heritage to the Hawaii 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood Commission to be displayed at the State Capitol in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each county and Chair of the Hawaii 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood Commission.

OFFERED BY:

  
  
  
  
  
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