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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION'S DEDICATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS  
COMMUNITY.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Small Business Administration  
2 (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the  
3 federal government to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the  
4 interests of small business concerns; to preserve free  
5 competitive enterprise; and to maintain and strengthen the  
6 overall economy of our nation; and  
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8           WHEREAS, small businesses play a critical role in our  
9 economic recovery and strength, in building America's future,  
10 and in helping the United States compete in today's global  
11 marketplace; and  
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13           WHEREAS, although SBA has grown and evolved in the years  
14 since it was established, its bottom line mission remains the  
15 same; and  
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17           WHEREAS, since its founding on July 30, 1953, the U.S.  
18 Small Business Administration has delivered approximately 20  
19 million loans; loan guarantees; contracts; counseling sessions;  
20 and other forms of assistance to small businesses across the  
21 nation; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the SBA helps Americans start, build, and grow  
24 businesses; and  
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26           WHEREAS, through an extensive network of field offices and  
27 partnerships with public and private organizations, SBA delivers  
28 its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto  
29 Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam; and



1           WHEREAS, between 1991 and 2000, the SBA helped almost  
 2 435,000 small businesses get more than \$94.6 billion in loans,  
 3 more than in the entire history of the agency before 1991; and  
 4 no other lender in this country - perhaps no other lender in the  
 5 world - has been responsible for as much small business  
 6 financing as the SBA has during that time; and

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 8           WHEREAS, since 1958, SBA's venture capital program has  
 9 placed more than \$30 billion into the hands of small business  
 10 owners to finance their expansion; and

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 12           WHEREAS, swifter, more flexible, and often more daring than  
 13 big businesses, small businesses are masters of innovation;  
 14 produce the items that line the shelves of America's museums,  
 15 shops, and homes; keep intact the heritage of ingenuity and  
 16 enterprise; and help keep the "American Dream" within the reach  
 17 of millions of Americans; and SBA has been and will continue to  
 18 be there to help them every step of the way; now, therefore,

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 20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 22 of 2009, that this body hereby recognizes and commends the  
 23 United States Small Business Administration for its strong  
 24 commitment and many years of service to the small business  
 25 community.

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