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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EVERY YEAR AS BARACK OBAMA II OHANA DAY.

1           WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama II was sworn in as the 44<sup>th</sup>  
2 President of the United States on January 20, 2009; and  
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4           WHEREAS, President Obama was born and raised in the state  
5 of Hawaii; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Barack Obama is the first President of the United  
8 States hailing from the state of Hawaii, as well as the first  
9 African-American to hold this high office; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the ascension of Barack Obama to the office of  
12 President affirms the noble American ideal of equal and  
13 boundless opportunity for all citizens; and  
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15           WHEREAS, President Obama's election has restored the  
16 people's faith in a government that works for the benefit of  
17 all; and  
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19           WHEREAS, it is a matter of great state pride that President  
20 Obama was nurtured and educated during his formative years in  
21 Hawaii; and  
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23           WHEREAS, President Obama imbued his work in the urban  
24 neighborhoods of Chicago with the aloha and kokua Hawaii  
25 embodies, thereby bringing a touch of the Islands to the rest of  
26 the United States; and  
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28           WHEREAS, this whisper of Hawaii contributes to President  
29 Obama's ability to act as a bridge, unifying the great diversity  
30 of cultures and peoples that make up our United States; and

31           WHEREAS, President Obama's accomplishment continues to shed  
32 a positive light on Hawaii within the national arena; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the message of hope and possibility, grounded in  
2 the values of our Islands, that President Obama consistently  
3 emphasizes has inspired people around the world; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2009, that the Governor is respectfully requested to proclaim  
8 January 20<sup>th</sup> of every year as Barack Obama II Ohana Day in  
9 commemoration of the unprecedented achievement of Hawaii-born  
10 Barack Hussein Obama II; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Barack Obama II Ohana Day shall  
13 not be construed as a state holiday; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.  
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OFFERED BY: *Della A. Salatti*  
BY REQUEST

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