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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF  
THE FALLS OF CLYDE AS A SAILING SYMBOL OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the significance of sailing to the State of Hawaii  
2 is apparent by the existence of those who have braved the high  
3 seas in the past; and  
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5           WHEREAS, archaeological evidence shows that the earliest  
6 people who arrived in Hawaii sailed on a double hulled canoe  
7 across the ocean; and  
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9           WHEREAS, in the late 1770s Captain Cook sailed from Europe  
10 to Hawaii, as did the missionaries who sailed to Hawaii around  
11 Cape Horn in the early 1800s; 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 Falls  
19 of Clyde and it became the first four-mast ship to fly the  
20 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 to 1907 the Falls of Clyde serviced the  
26 residents of Hawaii by carrying sugar from Hilo to San  
27 Francisco, California and returning with goods for Hawaii  
28 residents; and  
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30           WHEREAS, after being purchased by an oil company in 1907,  
31 the ship was refitted and continued its hard work as a bulk  
32 tanker and oil barge; and  
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34           WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde continued to serve Hawaii for  
35 thirteen more years, hauling molasses from Hilo to San  
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WHEREAS, in 1963 the Falls of Clyde was rescued and returned to Hawaii with the help of The Honolulu Advertiser's columnist Bob Kraus, the maritime community, Hawaii's school children, and the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum took over management and the Falls of Clyde was docked at Pier 5 in Honolulu Harbor and was then toured by tens of thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde was named a National Historic Monument by the National Parks Service in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Friends of the Falls of Clyde formed a nonprofit corporation in order to save the ship; and

WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde, with a wrought-iron hull and at two hundred sixty-five feet long and weighing more than a thousand tons, is the only surviving fully rigged four-mast sailing ship remaining in the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the Falls of Clyde is recognized as a historic symbol of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Falls of Clyde should always be treasured and protected by the State of Hawaii and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Bishop Museum, and the Friends of the Falls of Clyde.