HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING H.R. 3680 AND S. 1732 TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HEALTH DATA REGARDING NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDERS.

WHEREAS, Census 2000 identified nearly a million native Hawaiians across the nation, with the majority of them living in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation, H.R. 3680, was introduced by Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo on September 30, 2009, and was also sponsored by Congresspersons Neil Abercrombie, Eni Faleomavaega, Mazie Hirono, Michael Honda, and Gregorio Sablan; and

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel Inouye also introduced federal legislation, S. 1732, on September 30, 2009, which was cosponsored by Senator Daniel Akaka and was read and referred to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, these bills, both entitled the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Health Data Act of 2009, aim to identify and evaluate the health status and healthcare needs of native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, thereby establishing baseline health information to achieve equity in health information for those populations; and

WHEREAS, efforts to collect data would be targeted at the major areas and regions in the continental United States, Hawaii, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in which native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander people reside; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports the passage of H.R. 3680 and S. 1732 to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for health data regarding native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional delegation, Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, Congressman Michael Honda, and Congressman Gregorio Sablan.

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