
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT CULTURAL,
EDUCATIONAL, AND SPORTS EXCHANGES WITH THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

1 WHEREAS, cultural, educational, and sports exchanges
2 provide rich opportunities for citizens of different countries
3 to learn from each other, learn about each other's country, and
4 be introduced to different ways of life; and
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6 WHEREAS, these exchanges also allow each participating
7 country to showcase the talent, cultivation and training
8 methods, and performance styles particular to that nation, and
9 for those individuals to meet and interact with their colleagues
10 abroad; and
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12 WHEREAS, these types of exchanges are often helpful in
13 promoting understanding and a foundation for fostering
14 relationships both for the individuals involved and those who
15 formulate and implement diplomatic policy; and
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17 WHEREAS, viewers and participants of cultural, educational,
18 and sports exchanges gain an appreciation of the other country's
19 positive attributes through the experience and enjoyment of
20 these events, which also contributes to positive relationships
21 and foreign relations; and
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23 WHEREAS, in its earlier, unified condition, Korea was known
24 as the "Land of the Morning Calm," and its citizens viewed
25 themselves as people who love peace and nature; and
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27 WHEREAS, the United States first formal treaty with Korea
28 was the Treaty of Amity and Commerce in May 1882, which
29 permitted Korean immigration to America; and
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31 WHEREAS, Hawaii was the first port of entry for immigrants
32 from Korea to the United States, with the small, initial group



1 arriving in 1902, and later with the first large wave of
2 immigration on January 13, 1903, when fifty-six men, twenty-one
3 women, and twenty-five children arrived; and

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5 WHEREAS, Korean emigrants and their descendants in Hawaii
6 have played a significant role in the development of our islands
7 cultural diversity; and

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9 WHEREAS, in July 2002, the Democratic People's Republic of
10 Korea, hereinafter referred to as "North Korea", began
11 experimenting with private capitalism; and

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13 WHEREAS, since 2002, North Korea has allowed foreign
14 investment, and permitted the Swiss government to establish the
15 Pyongyang Business School to help teach business management to
16 students; and

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18 WHEREAS, the proposed exchanges may be conducive to North
19 Korea rethinking its isolationist policy, which severely
20 restricts international trade; and

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22 WHEREAS, as South Korea is a crucial market for
23 agricultural products from the state of Washington, representing
24 more than \$300,000,000 annually, North Korea and Hawaii may
25 potentially benefit from instituting trade relations as well;
26 and

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28 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2000, both North and South Korea
29 signed the North-South Joint Declaration, in which each promised
30 to seek out a peaceful reunification; and

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32 WHEREAS, on October 4, 2007, the leaders of both North and
33 South Korea pledged to hold summit talks to reaffirm their
34 commitment to mutual non-aggression and officially declare their
35 war over; and

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37 WHEREAS, the highest level American contact was the visit
38 made by United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in
39 2000; and

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41 WHEREAS, in February 2009, the New York Philharmonic
42 Orchestra became the first American musical group ever to
43 perform in North Korea; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the United States of
4 America and the State of Hawaii are encouraged to explore
5 conducting cultural, educational, and sports exchanges with
6 North Korea, including collaboration with local cultural,
7 educational, and sports institutions, agencies, and
8 organizations, including organizations whose participation is
9 vital for the implementation of successful exchanges; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States of America
12 and the State of Hawaii collaborate with the University of
13 Hawaii, Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict
14 Resolution, East-West Center, State Foundation on Culture and
15 the Arts, and other interested stakeholders, to conduct these
16 cultural, educational, and sports exchanges between the State of
17 Hawaii and North Korea; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
21 United States; the Secretary of State; the United States
22 Department of State; Hawaii's congressional delegation; the
23 Governor; the Director of Business, Economic Development, and
24 Tourism; the President of the University of Hawaii; the Director
25 of the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict
26 Resolution; and the President of the East-West Center.

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29 OFFERED BY:

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