
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS 110TH ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of our communities
2 depend on the vision and entrepreneurial spirit of individuals
3 and organizations working collaboratively for the benefit of the
4 greater good; and
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6 WHEREAS, originally named the Shonin Doshikai, the HONOLULU
7 JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE was founded in 1900 to aid victims
8 of a downtown Honolulu fire and, later, expanded its focus to
9 include promotion of trade with Japan; and
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11 WHEREAS, during World War II, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER
12 OF COMMERCE solidified its presence in Hawaii's business
13 community, demonstrating strong and courageous leadership for
14 Japanese-Americans who faced discrimination and internment, and,
15 by 1968, the organization had grown to become an associate
16 member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, today, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
19 composed of over 600 members representing a cross section of
20 Honolulu's business, industrial, and professional sectors, is
21 continuously growing and evolving under innovative and
22 enthusiastic leadership to support economic development and
23 international relations; and
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25 WHEREAS, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE was
26 instrumental in the development of the Japanese Cultural Center
27 of Hawaii, a facility dedicated to preserving and celebrating
28 the rich and unique cultural heritage of the Japanese in Hawaii;
29 now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2010, that this body hereby congratulates the HONOLULU
34 JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE on the occasion of its 110th



1 Anniversary, recognizes its outstanding record of community
2 service and leadership, and extends its best wishes for
3 continued success in all future endeavors.

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