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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING 2010 AS THE YEAR OF ETHNIC STUDIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of
2 Hawaii at Manoa, which began in 1970 as an experimental two-year
3 program, is observing its fortieth anniversary; and
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5 WHEREAS, the program became a department in 1995, offering
6 a bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies; and
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8 WHEREAS, several state legislators, including Roland
9 Kotani, Clayton Hee, Dwight Takamine, Brian Taniguchi, and Roy
10 Takumi, have been lecturers or teaching assistants in Ethnic
11 Studies; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies faculty have made substantial
14 contributions to scholarship on Native Hawaiians and other
15 island ethnic groups, as well as the society and culture of
16 Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department has attained
19 national recognition for its research and publications on Asian
20 Americans and Pacific Islanders; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department has attained an
23 international reputation for the work of its faculty in
24 increasing awareness of the ongoing devastating effects of
25 racial and ethnic conflicts and in opposing racism and
26 discrimination in all forms; and
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28 WHEREAS, students majoring in and studying Ethnic Studies
29 have provided countless hours of community service to the people
30 of Hawaii during the past forty years; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies faculty maintains a research
33 and teaching philosophy that emphasizes praxis, the application



