
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PHILIPPINE TARSIER FOUNDATION.

1 WHEREAS, Philippine Tarsiers are an endangered species
2 native to the Philippine islands of Bohol, Samar, Leyte, and
3 Mindanao; and
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5 WHEREAS, tarsiers are small primates that generally grow
6 from four to five inches in height; and
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8 WHEREAS, because of their popularity as a tourist
9 attraction, many tarsiers are displayed in cages for easy
10 viewing; and
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12 WHEREAS, tarsiers held in captivity seldom survive, and
13 have been known to injure or kill themselves due to the stress
14 caused by their confinement; and
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16 WHEREAS, despite efforts by the Philippine government to
17 curb the display of tarsiers for commercial or business
18 purposes, tarsiers are increasingly traded and taken from their
19 native habitat; and
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21 WHEREAS, in 1997, Philippine President Fidel Ramos issued
22 Proclamation No. 1030, declaring tarsiers to be a specially
23 protected faunal species and calling for the establishment of
24 appropriate sanctuaries; and
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26 WHEREAS, in 2001, Republic Act No. 9174, or the wildlife
27 conservation law, included the protection and conservation of
28 tarsiers and their natural habitat as part of Philippine
29 heritage; and
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31 WHEREAS, in 1996, the Philippine Tarsier Foundation
32 acquired 170 hectares of forested area in Canapnapan, Corella
33 for use as a tarsier sanctuary; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Philippine Tarsier Foundation works to protect
3 tarsiers from extinction through increased awareness, research
4 and breeding programs, and the establishment of protected areas
5 in Bohol; and

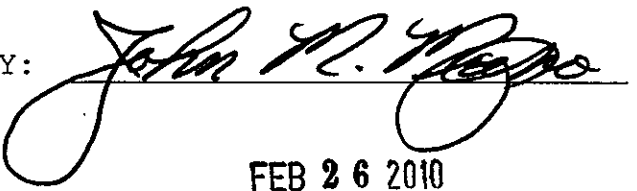
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7 WHEREAS, the Philippine Tarsier and Wildlife Sanctuary has
8 been acknowledged as the center of the tarsier conservation
9 program; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports
14 the efforts of the Philippine Tarsier Foundation and urges
15 global support for the protection and conservation of tarsiers
16 and their habitat; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges support
19 for the Tarsier Sanctuary, its education and conservation
20 programs, and its efforts to increase global understanding of
21 the plight of the Philippine Tarsier; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
25 United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
26 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
27 Secretary of the Interior, the members of Hawaii's congressional
28 delegation, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and
29 Natural Resources of the Republic of the Philippines, and the
30 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Tarsier
31 Foundation, Inc.

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