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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OWNER OF THE HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN TO PROVIDE  
SUFFICIENT TIME TO FIND A NEW OWNER FOR THE NEWSPAPER TO  
PRESERVE TWO INDEPENDENT DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

1           WHEREAS, on February 25, 2010, Oahu Publications, Inc.  
2 (OPI), the owner of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin announced that  
3 OPI has entered into an agreement with Gannett Newspapers, Inc.,  
4 to purchase the assets of The Honolulu Advertiser; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin has been a  
7 distinguished independent daily newspaper and editorial voice in  
8 Hawaii for one hundred twenty-six years; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin reporters, columnists,  
11 editorial writers, and photographers have won numerous awards  
12 for incisive reporting, thought-provoking commentary, and  
13 delightful satire; and  
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15           WHEREAS, OPI announced it would offer the Honolulu  
16 Star-Bulletin for sale, but would close or merge the newspaper  
17 with The Honolulu Advertiser if a qualified buyer is not found  
18 by April 2010; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the closure of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin or the  
21 merger of the newspaper with The Honolulu Advertiser may mean  
22 the loss of approximately two hundred jobs; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the closure of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin or the  
25 merger of the newspaper with The Honolulu Advertiser will mean  
26 the residents of the city and State will no longer have two  
27 daily newspapers engaging in editorial and reportorial  
28 competition; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the community and the democratic process are  
31 better served by maintaining a newspaper press that is  
32 editorially and reportorially independent and competitive; and  
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34           WHEREAS, in citing the reasons for The Honolulu  
35 Advertiser's sale to OPI, Gannett Newspapers, Inc., has not said



1 The Honolulu Advertiser and Gannett Newspapers, Inc., are not  
2 profitable; indeed, Gannett has announced it had turned the  
3 corner and would earn a first quarter profit this year; now,  
4 therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2010, that Oahu Publications, Inc., is urged to continue  
9 publication of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin or to provide  
10 sufficient time to find a qualified buyer for the newspaper in  
11 order to preserve publication of separate and independent daily  
12 newspapers in the community; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to Oahu Publications, Inc., owner of  
16 the Honolulu Star-Bulletin; Gannett Newspapers, Inc., owner of  
17 The Honolulu Advertiser; the Attorney General of the State of  
18 Hawaii; and the United States Department of Justice.

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