
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 the scholarship of native Hawaiians and other
15 island ethnic groups, as well as to 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



1 of scholarship to the complex issues of our local communities;
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4 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department provides students
5 with interdisciplinary analyses of social problems, issues, and
6 policies that have an impact on peoples who have been affected
7 by racism in national, transnational, and global contexts, with
8 a particular emphasis in Hawaii, the Pacific, and the
9 continental United States; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department founded the Ah Quon
12 McElrath Fund for Social Change to honor and support the vision
13 and perspectives of Ah Quon McElrath through annual activities
14 to educate students and the community about progressive social
15 change and justice; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department has planned a year-
18 long series of activities to commemorate its fortieth
19 anniversary; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that 2010 is proclaimed the
24 Year of Ethnic Studies in Hawaii; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be sent to the Chairperson of the Board of
28 Regents of the University of Hawaii; the President of the
29 University of Hawaii; and the University of Hawaii at Manoa
30 Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dean of the
31 College of Social Sciences, Dean of the Hawaiiinuiakea School of
32 Hawaiian Knowledge, Dean of the School of Pacific and Asian
33 Studies, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Dean of the
34 College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, Dean of the
35 School of Social Work, Director of the Center for Pacific Island
36 Studies, and Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies.

