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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 26, 2010, AS MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY.

1           WHEREAS, mesothelioma is a terminal, asbestos-related  
2 cancer that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen, heart,  
3 and testicles; and  
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5           WHEREAS, workers exposed to asbestos on a daily basis over  
6 a long period of time are most at risk of acquiring  
7 mesothelioma, but even short-term exposure may cause the  
8 disease, and exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can  
9 result in mesothelioma as late as fifty years later; and  
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11           WHEREAS, asbestos was used in the construction of virtually  
12 all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before  
13 1975, and asbestos is still used in over three thousand products  
14 that are sold in the United States; and  
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16           WHEREAS, for decades, the need to develop treatments for  
17 mesothelioma was overlooked, and today, even the best available  
18 treatments usually have only a very limited effect; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the expected survival time of those diagnosed with  
21 mesothelioma is between eight and fourteen months; and  
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23           WHEREAS, mesothelioma regularly affects workers who have  
24 come into contact with asbestos on the job, including a high  
25 percentage of United States Navy personnel and shipyard workers  
26 who have been exposed on Navy ships and in shipyards; and  
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28           WHEREAS, it is believed that many of the firefighters,  
29 police officers, and rescue workers in New York City who  
30 responded to the disaster at the World Trade Center after the  
31 September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks are at risk for developing  
32 mesothelioma in the future; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Mesothelioma Applied Research  
 2 Foundation was formed for the purpose of eradicating  
 3 mesothelioma as a life-ending disease, and early progress in  
 4 developing effective treatments for the disease is now being  
 5 made; and

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 7 WHEREAS, efforts to eliminate mesothelioma could be  
 8 assisted by raising public awareness about the disease and its  
 9 causes so that those who are at risk may receive information and  
 10 screening that may save their lives; now, therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
 13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
 14 House of Representatives concurring, that September 26, 2010 be  
 15 known as "Mesothelioma Awareness Day" to raise public awareness  
 16 about mesothelioma and the need to develop effective treatments  
 17 and a cure for this fatal disease; and

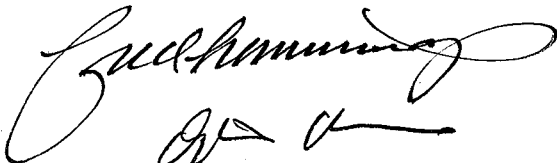
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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens are encouraged to  
 20 learn more about mesothelioma on Mesothelioma Awareness Day, and  
 21 if they are at risk for contracting the disease, to arrange for  
 22 mesothelioma screening; and

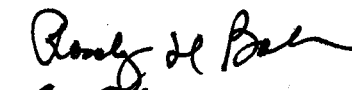

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
 26 Director of Health, and the Chief Executive Officer of the  
 27 Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation.

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