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

