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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RECOGNITION OF THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH AS THE
"CENSUS IN SCHOOLS WEEK".

1 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a count
2 every ten years of everyone residing in the United States
3 regardless of their nationality, citizenship status, race, age,
4 or gender; and

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6 WHEREAS, census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed
7 to households via U.S. mail in March 2010 and Census Day is
8 April 1, 2010; and

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10 WHEREAS, the goal is to count everyone in the State of
11 Hawaii, count them once and count them in the right place; and

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13 WHEREAS, census data determines the number of seats each
14 state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

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16 WHEREAS, census data is used to determine boundaries for
17 state and local legislative and congressional districts; and

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19 WHEREAS, 2010 Census data will affect how more than \$4
20 trillion will be allocated to local, state, and tribal
21 governments over the next ten years; and

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23 WHEREAS, census data is used to determine funding for
24 schools, Title 1 programs, special education, college grant and
25 loan programs, public transportation, road and community
26 improvements; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Census Bureau's program "2010 Census: It's
29 About Us", is a free education program which provides teachers
30 with lessons that meet core standards and feature skill building
31 activities in map literacy, graphing, and writing; and

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33 WHEREAS, the "Census in Schools" program endeavors to reach
34 every public school, private school, charter school, home
35 school, student between kindergarten through 12th grade, school



1 administrator, teacher, household with school-age children and
2 educational organization; and

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4 WHEREAS, children have been undercounted in every U.S.
5 census taken; and

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7 WHEREAS, the program engages Hawaii's youth to help ensure
8 that every child and household member is counted; and

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10 WHEREAS, this Census Bureau program challenges students to
11 get to know their communities and learn about their communities
12 needs; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
16 that the second week in March, beginning with Sunday, be "Census
17 in Schools" Week; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the
20 "Census in Schools" program and recognizes the importance of
21 this program as a teaching tool for our children; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature will work
24 toward encouraging residents to complete and mail back their
25 census questionnaires and to increase awareness regarding the
26 importance of the 2010 Census; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body representing the
29 people of Hawaii gives the educational efforts of "Census in
30 Schools" its highest endorsement and encouragement; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
34 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
35 Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent
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1 Schools, the Executive Director of the Charter School
2 Administrative Office, and the Mayor of each county.

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