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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE  
RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, as a leader in human rights, the State of Hawaii  
2 recognizes the need to enact laws to protect the inherent  
3 dignity of all citizens and acknowledges the importance of  
4 keeping abreast of developments in world affairs; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of  
7 Persons with Disabilities is an international treaty that  
8 identifies the rights of persons with disabilities and the  
9 obligations of State parties to the Convention to promote,  
10 protect, and ensure those rights; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the  
13 Convention on December 13, 2006, and the Convention took effect  
14 on May 3, 2008; and  
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16           WHEREAS, although the United States is a signatory to the  
17 Convention, indicating an intent to be bound by the treaty at a  
18 later date, it has not yet undertaken legal rights and  
19 obligations contained in the Convention; and  
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21           WHEREAS, ratification of the Convention will enable the  
22 United States to match the efforts of other members of the  
23 United Nations to protect the rights of persons with  
24 disabilities; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the  
29 President of the United States to sign and the United States  
30 Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of  
31 Persons with Disabilities; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
3 United States, the United States Secretary of State, the members  
4 of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the United Nations  
5 Secretary-General, and the United Nations High Commissioner for  
6 Human Rights.  
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