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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII TO INVITE ALL APEC COUNTRIES TO  
ESTABLISH HONORARY CONSULS IN HAWAII AHEAD OF THE 2011 APEC  
SUMMIT.

1           WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is  
2 a forum of twenty-one Pacific Rim countries established in 1989  
3 to promote free trade and economic co-operation throughout the  
4 Asia-Pacific region; and

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6           WHEREAS, from November 12-13, APEC will convene its 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7 annual summit in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

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9           WHEREAS, there will be heads of state and officials from  
10 the twenty-one member countries but, Hawaii has just 4 honorary  
11 consuls from those member countries; and

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13           WHEREAS, the role of the honorary consul is to undertake  
14 and safeguard the interests of the sending country as well as to  
15 further the development of commercial, economic, cultural and  
16 scientific relations between the sending state and the host  
17 state; and

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19           WHEREAS, the honorary consul would help expedite the  
20 processing of visas and provide communications between diplomats  
21 and Washington D.C.; and

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23           WHEREAS, the APEC conference can potentially result in the  
24 establishment of economic trade relations between the state of  
25 Hawaii and member countries; and

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27           WHEREAS, having honorary consuls can be instrumental in the  
28 retaining of and fostering the growth of such relations; now,  
29 therefore,

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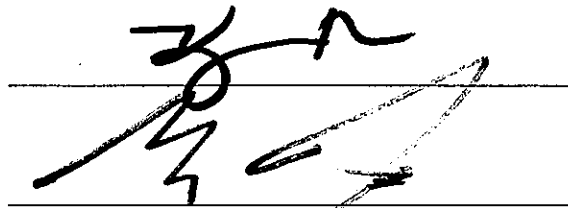
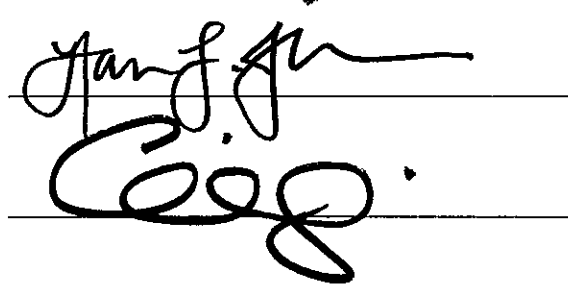
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session  
3 of 2011, that the Governor of the State of Hawai'i is urged to  
4 request to all APEC-member countries to establish honorary  
5 consuls in Hawai'i before the 2011 APEC summit; and

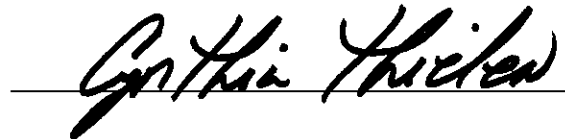
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor,  
9 Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, and the  
10 U.S. Department of State.  
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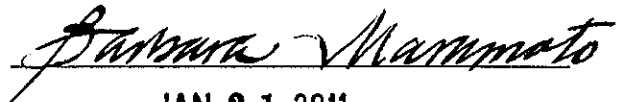
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