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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII TO INVITE ALL ASIA-PACIFIC  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH HONORARY  
CONSULS IN HAWAII BEFORE THE 2011 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION SUMMIT.

1           WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, is  
2 a forum of 21 Pacific Rim countries established in 1989 to  
3 promote free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-  
4 Pacific region; and

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6           WHEREAS, from November 12-13, 2011, Asia-Pacific Economic  
7 Cooperation Summit will convene its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual summit in  
8 Honolulu, Hawaii; and

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10          WHEREAS, there will be heads of state and officials from  
11 the 21 member countries, but Hawaii has just four honorary  
12 consuls from those member countries; and

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

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

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24          WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit can  
25 potentially result in the establishment of economic trade  
26 relations between the State of Hawaii and member countries; and

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



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, with the  
4 assistance of the Consular Corps of Hawai'i, is urged to request  
5 all Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation-member countries to  
6 establish honorary consuls in Hawai'i before the 2011 Asia-  
7 Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Business,  
11 Economic Development, and Tourism, Consular Corps of Hawai'i, and  
12 the United States Secretary of State.

