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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SEVERITY OF THE CRISIS BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN WITH THE RECENT EVENTS OF AN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN HAWAII TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN.

1           WHEREAS, on Friday, March 11, 2011, the country of Japan  
2 experienced its most severe natural disaster in the past century  
3 with a 9.0 magnitude earthquake, followed by numerous  
4 aftershocks and massive destruction by a tsunami, with the  
5 consequent loss of life and property; and  
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7           WHEREAS, a number of villages and population centers now  
8 face the crises caused by the destruction of homes, stores and  
9 offices, commercial complexes, harbors and airports, roads and  
10 bridges, and other infrastructure, including nuclear power  
11 plants; and  
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13           WHEREAS, many families living in areas most severely  
14 damaged are now homeless, and many lack the basic necessities of  
15 electricity, water and food, and medical care, and are facing  
16 the need for the massive clean-up of debris in their communities  
17 and consequent safety and health issues; and  
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19           WHEREAS, damage to Japan's nuclear plants not only limits  
20 the country's ability to generate electricity but also presents  
21 an ominous threat of nuclear injury and creates an atmosphere of  
22 severe stress and apprehension among the people; and  
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24           WHEREAS, besides the physical toll and physical loss  
25 experienced by the people of Japan, there are the psychological  
26 and mental stress suffered by persons and families who have  
27 experienced the sudden loss of loved ones, leading to deep and  
28 profound personal sadness; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the people of Japan have deep historical, cultural  
31 and family ties with the people of Hawaii through financial and  
32 business inter-connections, and in multi-generational family  
33 relationships; and



1 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii wish to express their  
2 compassion for the plight of the people of Japan and desire to  
3 generously offer assistance to them, financially, medically, or  
4 in other ways; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2011, that a joint letter be prepared by the majority and  
9 minority leaders of the Hawaii State Legislature together with  
10 the Governor of Hawaii and sent to the Prime Minister of Japan  
11 expressing the condolences of the people of Hawaii for the  
12 recent catastrophic events and the determination of the people  
13 of Hawaii to support and help the people of Japan; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local chapters of the Red  
16 Cross and Salvation Army, local churches, and charities continue  
17 to assist where possible by sending basic necessities such as  
18 clothing, blankets, non-perishable food, and medical supplies to  
19 Japan; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Japan and to  
23 each Governor in each of the 47 Prefectures, President of the  
24 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States  
25 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
26 Governor of the State of Hawaii, The Salvation Army-Hawaiian &  
27 Pacific Islands Division, and American Red Cross-Hawaii State  
28 Chapter.

