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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON MUSLIM
RADICALIZATION.

1 WHEREAS, despite opposition by civil rights organizations,
2 faith-based groups, and his own colleagues in the United States
3 House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the House Committee
4 on Homeland Security held a hearing on March 10, 2011, entitled
5 "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community
6 and that Community's Response"; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the House Committee on Homeland
9 Security justified holding of the hearing on the grounds of
10 national security; and
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12 WHEREAS, civil rights organizations and faith-based groups
13 expressed concerns over the singling out of a group of Americans
14 based on their faith, noting that the hearings would demonize
15 American Muslims, denigrate their religion, and question their
16 patriotism; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Chairperson's congressional colleagues
19 expressed their concern over the narrow scope and unfair
20 stigmatization and alienation of Muslim Americans; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Chairperson's actions and his justification
23 for those actions are reminiscent of the prejudice, hysteria,
24 and failure in political leadership that led to one of America's
25 most shameful periods in history, namely, the evacuation,
26 relocation, and imprisonment of American citizens of Japanese
27 ancestry; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
32 expresses its opposition to the hearing on March 19, 2011, on



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1 "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community
2 and that Community's Response" held by the Committee on Homeland
3 Security of the United States House of Representatives; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker, the
7 Minority Leader, and the Chairperson of the Committee on
8 Homeland Security of the United States House of Representatives.
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