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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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,  
31 that the Legislature expresses its opposition to the hearing on  
32 March 19, 2011, on "The Extent of Radicalization in the American  
33 Muslim Community and that Community's Response" held by the  
34 Committee on Homeland Security of the United States House of  
35 Representatives; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker, the Minority Leader,  
4 and the Chairperson of the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
5 United States House of Representatives.

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