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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE  
REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION ACT.

1           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Education Act was preceded by  
2 legislation in the Augustus F. Hawkins-Robert Stafford  
3 Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Amendments of 1988,  
4 to authorize and develop supplemental educational programs to  
5 address the unique conditions of Native Hawaiians; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Education Act was first  
8 enacted under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994,  
9 reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and is  
10 slated to be reauthorized under the Blueprint for Reform of the  
11 Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Education Act's findings  
14 established declarations that have been cited in significant  
15 legal decisions concerning Native Hawaiians; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the first demonstration program to provide higher  
18 education fellowship assistance to Native Hawaiians has resulted  
19 in increased scholarships for Native Hawaiians; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the first demonstration program to develop family-  
22 based education centers throughout the Hawaiian islands resulted  
23 in the growth of 'Aha Punana Leo preschools statewide to further  
24 meet the needs of families desiring to perpetuate the Hawaiian  
25 language as a living language; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the first demonstration program to establish the  
28 Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children at the  
29 University of Hawai'i at Hilo resulted in the growth of the Na  
30 Pua No'eau program statewide to further meet the special needs of  
31 gifted and talented Hawaiian students; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the first demonstration program authorized grants  
2 to address the special education needs of Native Hawaiian  
3 students and those grants resulted in exemplary programs such as  
4 Pihana Na Mamo that assisted special needs Native Hawaiian  
5 students at succeeding in school; and  
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7 WHEREAS, subsequent grants by the United States Secretary  
8 of Education under the Native Hawaiian Education Act have  
9 resulted in an increase in Native Hawaiian language curriculum  
10 development and indigenous teacher preparation programs,  
11 community-based education learning centers, and the  
12 establishment of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and  
13 island councils; and  
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15 WHEREAS, President Obama has reaffirmed his  
16 Administration's commitment to Native Hawaiian education through  
17 the federal fiscal year 2012 budget request and the Blueprint  
18 for Reform of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the policies of the Native Hawaiian Education Act,  
21 as contained in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and  
22 incorporated in the Blueprint for Reform of the Elementary and  
23 Secondary Education Act, will also be considered for  
24 reauthorization; now, therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's congressional  
29 delegation is urged to support the reauthorization of the  
30 policies of the Native Hawaiian Education Act; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional  
34 Delegation, Chairperson of the Board of Education, and Office of  
35 Hawaiian Affairs.  
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