HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 13

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO HOST MORE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN HAWAI`I.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawai`i is geographically positioned as the western gateway between the world's largest economy and 2 the world's fastest growing economies; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, that position presents new and exciting opportunities for expansion and diversity of Hawai`i's economy 6 7 in both tourism and technology; and 8 9 WHEREAS, within the Asia-Pacific Basin in the year 2010, 10 there were more than 30 industrial trade organizations, international trade co-operatives and environmental 11 organizations that held their annual conferences in countries of 12 the southeast Asian and the Pacific Basin; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the Hawai`i State Convention Center will be the 15 16 site of the 2011 Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, bringing together President Barack Obama, a Hawai`i 17 native, and 18 other heads of state, more than 500 delegates and 18 a total of more than 10,000 participants; and 19 20 WHEREAS, international trade and cooperation summits would 21 provide economic stimulus to Hawai'i through its visitor 22 industry, as well as showcase Hawai`i's beautiful environment; 23 24 and 25 WHEREAS, Hawai`i has the air lift capacity, conference 26 facilities necessary to easily accommodate an international 27 conference of this size and magnitude; now, therefore, 28 29 30 / BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 31 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai`i, Regular Session of 2011, that the United States Congress and the 32



1 Department of State are urged to host more international trade 2 conferences and summits in Hawai`i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Congressman John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Senator Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States Secretary of State, and the members of Hawai`i's congressional delegation.

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