
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 URGING THE HAWAII STATE GOVERNMENT EXPRESS THE COMPASSION OF THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE ONENESS IN OUR CULTURAL OHANA, AND FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS TIES, AND FURNISHING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BASIC NECESSITIES, AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.

1 WHEREAS, the country of Japan has on Friday, March 11th,
2 2011 experienced its most severe natural disaster in this
3 century with a 9.1 magnitude earthquake, followed by numerous
4 after-shocks, 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 their homes, stores
9 and offices, commercial complexes, harbors and airports, roads
10 and bridges, and other infrastructure including nuclear power
11 plants; and
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13 WHEREAS, many Japanese families living in those areas most
14 severely damaged are now homeless, and many lack the basic
15 necessities of electricity, water and food, and medical care,
16 and are facing the need for massive clean-up of debris in their
17 towns 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 presents an
21 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 Japanese people, there are the psychological
26 and mental stress considerations of persons and families who



1 have experienced sudden loss of loved ones, leading to deep and
2 profound sadness; and

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4 WHEREAS, the people of Japan have deep historical, cultural
5 and family ties with the people of Hawaii through financial and
6 business inter-connections, and in multi-generational family
7 relationships; and

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9 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii wish to express their
10 compassion for the plight of the Japanese people and desire to
11 generously offer assistance to them, financially, medically or
12 in other form; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2011, that a joint letter be prepared by the majority and
17 minority leaders of the Hawaii State Legislature together with
18 the Governor of Hawaii and sent to the Prime Minister of Japan
19 expressing the condolences of the people of Hawaii for the
20 recent catastrophic events and the determination of the people
21 of Hawaii to support and help the people of Japan; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Departments of Health and
24 Human Services coordinate with the Hawaii Red Cross, Salvation
25 Army, local churches, and charities, who wish to send basic
26 necessities such as clothing, blankets, non perishable food and
27 medical supplies to Japan; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Departments of Health and
30 Human Resources coordinate and organize a group of Hawaii mental
31 health professionals to travel to Japan to render mental health
32 care and consultation to the Japanese people during this period
33 of stress and bereavement; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Japan and to
37 each Governor in each of the forty-seven Prefectures, the
38 President of the United States, the Senate President and the
39 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
40 Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Senate President and
41 Minority Leader of the State of Hawaii Senate, the Speaker and



1 Minority Leader of the Hawaii House of Representatives, the
 2 Director of the Hawaii Department of Health, the Director of the
 3 Hawaii Department of Human Services, the Salvation Army-Hawaii
 4 Chapter, and the American Red Cross-Hawaii Chapter.
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