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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.

WHEREAS, the country of Japan has on Friday, March 11th,
 2011 experienced its most severe natural disaster in this
 century with a 9.1 magnitude earthquake, followed by numerous
 after-shocks, and massive destruction by a tsunami, with the
 consequent loss of life and property; and

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

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

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

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



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1 have experienced sudden loss of loved ones, leading to deep and 2 profound sadness; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the people of Japan have deep historical, cultural and family ties with the people of Hawaii through financial and 5 business inter-connections, and in multi-generational family 6 7 relationships; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii wish to express their 10 compassion for the plight of the Japanese people and desire to generously offer assistance to them, financially, medically or 11 12 in other form; now, therefore, 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 14 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 15 of 2011, that a joint letter be prepared by the majority and 16 17 minority leaders of the Hawaii State Legislature together with the Governor of Hawaii and sent to the Prime Minister of Japan 18 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 22 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Departments of Health and 24 Human Services coordinate with the Hawaii Red Cross, Salvation Army, local churches, and charities, who wish to send basic 25 necessities such as clothing, blankets, non perishable food and 26 27 medical supplies to Japan; and 28 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 of stress and bereavement; and 33 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 35 36 Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Japan and to each Governor in each of the forty-seven Prefectures, the 37 President of the United States, the Senate President and the 38 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the 39 Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Senate President and 40 41 Minority Leader of the State of Hawaii Senate, the Speaker and



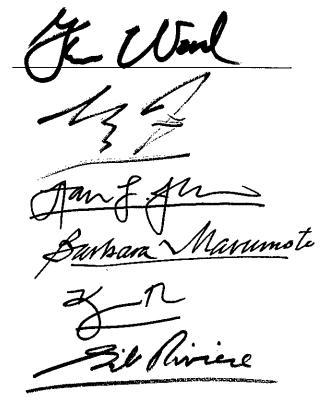
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Minority Leader of the Hawaii House of Representatives, the
 Director of the Hawaii Department of Health, the Director of the
 Hawaii Department of Human Services, the Salvation Army-Hawaii
 Chapter, and the American Red Cross-Hawaii Chapter.

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