
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING A LASTING RELATIONSHIP
AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND YEREVAN,
ARMENIA.

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of Armenia and the United States of
2 America are allies that promote the universal values of freedom,
3 democracy, and human rights; and
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5 WHEREAS, in its alliance with the United States, the
6 Republic of Armenia has demonstrated a commitment to transition
7 from totalitarianism and a command economy to democracy and open
8 markets; and
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10 WHEREAS, in October of 1992, the United States committed to
11 a continuing partnership by adopting the Freedom for Russia and
12 Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets (FREEDOM) Support
13 Act; and
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15 WHEREAS, under the FREEDOM Support Act the United States
16 has provided nearly \$2,000,000,000 in humanitarian and technical
17 assistance to the Republic of Armenia; and
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19 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2006, the United States and the
20 Republic of Armenia signed a Millennium Challenge Compact that
21 requires the Armenian government to make progress on mutually
22 agreed upon policy performance criteria; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2009, after making a full switch to a market
25 economy, the Republic of Armenia became the thirty-first most
26 economically free nation in the world and increased trade with
27 other European countries and the United States; and



1 WHEREAS, with the establishment of the United States-
2 Armenia Task Force, a bilateral commission, there is continuous
3 review of the progress of trade agreements and business
4 opportunities between the two countries; and

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6 WHEREAS, through cooperation and collaboration
7 approximately seventy United States-owned firms currently do
8 business in the Republic of Armenia; and

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10 WHEREAS, the capital city of the Republic of Armenia,
11 Yerevan, is the administrative, cultural, and industrial center
12 of the country; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and Yerevan, Armenia can
15 further cultivate a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial
16 economic relationship, with the prospect of future growth; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of
19 maintaining beneficial relationships with our allies, and the
20 contributions of our allies, including the partnership with
21 Yerevan, Armenia and the value of our positive relationship with
22 this ally; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
27 the importance of building a lasting relationship and friendship
28 with Yerevan, Armenia and its people that promotes cultural
29 understanding and political and economic relations of mutual
30 benefit; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of
34 the Republic of Armenia; Mayor of Yerevan, Armenia; United
35 States Secretary of State; United States Ambassador to the
36 Republic of Armenia; and Director of Business, Economic
37 Development, and Tourism.

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