
HOUSE 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, that this body recognizes the importance of building a
 27 lasting relationship and friendship with Yerevan, Armenia and
 28 its people that promotes cultural understanding and political
 29 and economic relations of mutual benefit; and

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

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