H.C.R. NO.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND HAWAI'I'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAI'I AND TAIWAN.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a 1 cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting 2 peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; and 3 4 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the United States' most important 5 economic and security partners in Asia; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Hawai'i established a sister-state relationship 8 with Taiwan in 1993, but an economic relationship was already 9 established before then; and 10 11 WHEREAS, over the years, there have been few overseas 12 locations with more cultural and economic activity than Taiwan, 13 including business missions, educational and special promotional 14 fairs, cultural exchanges, investor seminars, media productions, 15 and gubernatorial visits; and 16 17 WHEREAS, in 1994, the Department of Business, Economic 18 Development, and Tourism opened the State of Hawai'i Office in 19 Taipei to take advantage of the rapidly increasing investor 20 interest in Hawai'i, symbolized by the purchase of several well-21 known resort hotels; and 22

23

24 WHEREAS, the Governor is urged to support a free trade 25 agreement between the United States and Taiwan and further 26 support Taiwan's participation in regional economic integration 27 such as Trans Pacific Partnerships; and 28



H.C.R. NO. 🕼

1 WHEREAS, following the recent addition of Taiwan to the 2 United States Visa Waiver Program, Hawaiian Airlines and China 3 Airlines will soon provide direct flights between Honolulu and 4 Taipei, and the Department of Business, Economic Development, 5 and Tourism should seize the golden opportunity to launch 6 effective promotion campaigns in order to attract more tourists 7 from Taiwan; and 8

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan's energy policy is similar to Hawai'i in 10 that both seek to increase energy efficiency and promote greater 11 use of renewable sources to reduce dependence on imported fossil 12 fuels; therefore, the Department of Business, Economic 13 Development, and Tourism should collaborate on research and 14 development of clean energy technologies and cooperate on the 15 development of sustainable industries and green projects; and 16

WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have rich and diverse cultural backgrounds, since Taiwan's indigenous people and the native Hawaiians are part of the Austronesian culture ring; therefore, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to welcome Taiwan's participation in international cultural events held in Hawai'i, such as the "2013 Honolulu Festival" and the "2013 Asia Pacific Dance Festival"; and 24

WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Taiwan have their own distinct features 25 when it comes to education and both countries have much to 26 mutually learn from one another; therefore, the Board of Regents 27 of the University of Hawai'i and the Board of Education are urged 28 to strengthen an educational relationship with Taiwan by 29 encouraging more exchange students to travel between the two 30 31 countries and to advocate for more academic cooperation opportunities; and 32

33

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Congressional delegation is urged to 34 support Taiwan's participation in international bodies, such as 35 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), The United 36 National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and 37 the World Health Organization (WHO) and is requested to continue 38 to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the 39 40 international arena for the common good of all peoples of the world; now, therefore, 41 42

2013-1560 HCR SMA-1.doc



BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 1 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 2 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Governor; 3 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board 4 of Regents of the University of Hawai'i; Board of Education; and 5 Hawai'i's Congressional delegation are urged to strengthen the 6 sister-state relationship with Taiwan in commemoration of the 7 twentieth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between 8 Hawai'i and Taiwan; and 9

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i; Board of Education; and each member for Hawai'i's Congressional delegation.

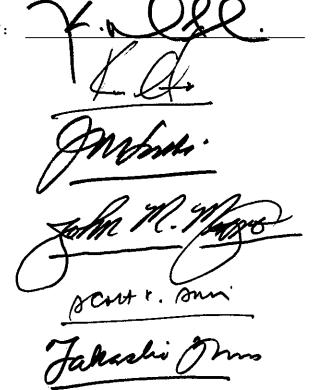
16

10

- 17
- 18

OFFERED BY:

Karen Aurel



MAR 0 1 2013

