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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOHOKU EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI AND EXTENDING CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN.

1           WHEREAS, Fukushima is the capital city of Fukushima  
2 Prefecture, Japan; and

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4           WHEREAS, the people of Fukushima are a proud, industrious,  
5 and resilient people who have faced the immeasurable devastation  
6 of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and its resulting tsunami and  
7 nuclear meltdowns with unrivaled determination and grace; and

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9           WHEREAS, the magnitude 9.0 Tohoku earthquake in 2011 was  
10 the most powerful known earthquake ever to hit Japan and the  
11 fifth most powerful earthquake in the world since modern  
12 recordkeeping began in 1900; and

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14           WHEREAS, the Tohoku earthquake triggered powerful tsunami  
15 waves that reached heights of up to one hundred and thirty-three  
16 feet and travelled up to six miles inland; and

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18           WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Tohoku earthquake moved  
19 Honshu, the main island of Japan, eight feet east and shifted  
20 the Earth on its axis between four and ten inches; and

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22           WHEREAS, a Japanese National Police Agency report confirmed  
23 that the tsunami resulted in 15,881 deaths, 6,142 injuries, and  
24 2,668 missing people across twenty prefectures, as well as  
25 129,225 buildings totally collapsed, 254,204 buildings half-  
26 collapsed, and 691,766 buildings partially damaged; and

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28           WHEREAS, the tsunami after the earthquake caused nuclear  
29 accidents, including level seven meltdowns at three reactors in  
30 the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant complex, that forced  
31 the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents; and

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33           WHEREAS, the World Bank estimated the economic cost of the  
34 Tohoku earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accidents at



1 \$235,000,000,000, making it the costliest natural disaster in  
2 world history; and

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4 WHEREAS, the earthquake and its aftermath caused a  
5 humanitarian crisis with more than 340,000 displaced people and  
6 shortages of food, water, shelter, medicine, and fuel; and

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8 WHEREAS, since the disaster, the people of Japan have  
9 worked tirelessly to rebuild the proud capital city of Fukushima  
10 and all of the affected areas; and

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12 WHEREAS, the relationship between Hawaii and Japan is born  
13 of shared ancestry, customs, and values, and has never been  
14 stronger; and

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16 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have and continue to provide  
17 an outpouring of support to the people of Japan as they continue  
18 their efforts to recover from the tragic loss of life and  
19 property after the earthquake and tsunami of 2011; now,  
20 therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2013, that the State of Hawaii expresses condolences  
25 on the second anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami  
26 and extends continued support to the people of Japan; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda and  
30 respectfully requests that he deliver this measure to the people  
31 of Japan.

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