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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AND AFFIRMING THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE STATE LEVEL REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, ENCOURAGING THE PROMOTION OF A CULTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND URGING PARTICIPATION IN A REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES' PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS.

1           WHEREAS, on November 5, 2010, the United States of America  
2 underwent the first-ever Universal Periodic Review of its human  
3 rights record before the United Nations Human Rights Council in  
4 Geneva; and

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6           WHEREAS, the review process provided an opportunity for the  
7 United States to identify human rights violations, develop real  
8 solutions, and bring policies in line with international human  
9 rights standards; and

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11           WHEREAS, the 228 recommendations from the Universal  
12 Periodic Review provided insight into the major human rights  
13 issues in the United States; and

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15           WHEREAS, a majority of the recommendations were taken  
16 directly from civil society stakeholder reports and subsequent  
17 study sheets that United Nations members used in the review  
18 process; now, therefore,

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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that this body adopts and  
23 affirms the recommendations from the 2010 Universal Periodic  
24 Review of the United States of America by the United Nations  
25 Human Rights Council, where applicable to the State; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls for the  
28 promotion of a culture of human rights based on the principles  
29 established in the Charter of the United Nations; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the State to  
3 participate in the 2015 follow up review of the United States'  
4 progress since the inaugural session in 2010; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United Nations  
8 Secretary General, United Nations High Commissioner for Human  
9 Rights, members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, United  
10 States Secretary of State, United States Secretary of Education,  
11 and United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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