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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a leader in human rights in the United
2 States recognizing the inherent dignity of its citizens and
3 enacting laws that live up to our history as a model state; and
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5 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii understand that it is
6 important to be aware of developments in world affairs as they
7 relate to our citizens; and
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9 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the
10 text of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons
11 with Disabilities on December 13, 2008, and following
12 ratification by the twentieth party, it came into force on
13 May 3, 2008; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with
16 Disabilities is an international human rights instrument of the
17 United Nations intended to protect the rights and dignity of
18 persons with disabilities; and
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20 WHEREAS, parties to the Convention are required to promote,
21 protect, and ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by
22 persons with disabilities and ensure that they enjoy full
23 equality under the law; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Convention has served as the major catalyst in
26 the global movement from viewing persons with disabilities as
27 objects of charity, medical treatment, and social protection
28 toward viewing them as full and equal members of society, with
29 human rights; and
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1 WHEREAS, President Obama signed the Convention in 2009, but
2 it fell short of a two-thirds majority of the United States
3 Senate needed for ratification; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State recognizes it is important to continue
6 efforts alongside fellow nations toward the full realization of
7 human rights for all; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is urged to
12 adopt the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons
13 with Disabilities; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the United
16 States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the
17 Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to United Nations Secretary
21 General, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,
22 President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the
23 United States Senate, United States Secretary of State, and
24 members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.
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