SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17TH OF EVERY YEAR AS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE AND RECOGNIZE THE EVENTS AND STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE THAT LED TO THE APOLOGY TO NA KANAKA MAOLI BY THE UNITED CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL APOLOGY TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND URGING SCHOOLS, THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY, AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO INCORPORATE THE FOREGOING APOLOGIES INTO THEIR CURRICULUM OR ORIENTATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, January 17, 2013, will be the twentieth anniversary of the United Churches of Christ's Apology to Na Kanaka Maoli presented by Dr. Paul Sherry, the President of the United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the United States Congressional Apology to Native Hawaiians, Public Law 103-150, signed by President William Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Hawaii, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii, and many other organizations have supported efforts to educate the public regarding events that led to the foregoing apologies and for further reconciliation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Kawaiaha'o Church, Kaumakapili Church, Harris United Methodist Church, St. Augustine By-the-Sea, and the Central Union Church have hosted annual events commemorating the foregoing apologies, which included educational activities and other efforts to promote justice and further reconciliation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has initiated and supported similar efforts to promote justice and reconciliation over the last 20 years, including the recognition and honoring of

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President Grover Cleveland and Queen Liliuokalani; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the House of Representatives concurring, that this body designates January 17th of every year as a day to recognize and commemorate the Native Hawaiian struggle for justice and reconciliation related to the events leading up to the United Churches of Christ's Apology to Na Kanaka Maoli and United States Congressional Apology to Native Hawaiians, Public Law 103-150; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the courage, faith, and hope Queen Liliuokalani exhibited after the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy and her unyielding devotion to justice, mercy, and reconciliation on behalf of the Native Hawaiian people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges all public and private schools, universities, and colleges, to integrate the United Churches of Christ's *Apology to Na Kanaka Maoli* and United States Congressional Apology to Native Hawaiians, Public Law 103-150, into their curriculum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the hospitality industry and the United States Department of Defense to incorporate the United Churches of Christ's Apology to Na Kanaka Maoli and United States Congressional Apology to Native Hawaiians, Public Law 103-150, into its orientation and training programs for new employees in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commits itself to the furtherance of justice for Native Hawaiians and to furthering reconciliation efforts between the United States government and Native Hawaiians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; United States Defense Secretary; Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii; Chairperson of the Board of

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1	Education; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
2	Tourism; President and Conference Ministers of the United Church
3	of Christ; Bishop of the Episcopal Church; President of the
4	Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches; President of
5	Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii; President of the Pacific Justice
6	and Reconciliation Center; President of the Association of
7	Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools;
8	Board of Trustees of Kawaiaha'o Church; The Cathedral of St.
9	Andrew; Kaumakapili Church; Harris United Methodist Church; St.
10	Augustine By-the-Sea Catholic Church; and Central Union Church.
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