
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII TO CREATE A KAMA'AINA
HOMECOMING COMMISSION FOR OUR EXPATRIATES.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian word Kama'aina means a person who is
2 native born, or who has lived in Hawaii for some time; and
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4 WHEREAS, there are many residents from Hawaii that are
5 living overseas, particularly native Hawaiians; and
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7 WHEREAS, those people that are living overseas reminisce
8 about the beauty and aloha that is Hawaii; and
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10 WHEREAS, we have never formally welcomed any of our
11 expatriate citizens home; and
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13 WHEREAS, other nations have programs that attract and
14 encourage their former residents to return and visit, such as
15 the Balikbayan program administered by the Philippine Tourism
16 Department and the Congress of Indonesian Diaspora events in
17 Indonesia; and
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a unique opportunity to bring back our
20 expatriates to formally recognize their personal, professional,
21 economic and educational achievements, and allow them to share
22 their know-how and success stories with others; and
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24 WHEREAS, this is a prime opportunity to take advantage of
25 Hawaii's "brain drain" and turn it into a "brain gain" for
26 Hawaii's economy; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2016, the Senate Concurring, that the Governor is



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1 respectfully requested to create a Kama'aina Homecoming
 2 Commission for the planning and organization of a large-scale
 3 reunion event, and that the event is requested to be held every
 4 five years in the State with a formal welcoming ceremony by the
 5 Governor; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
 8 consider inviting as the honorary chair and/or keynote speaker
 9 of the event, Bruno Mars, who is an immensely popular singer,
 10 songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, record producer, and
 11 choreographer, born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

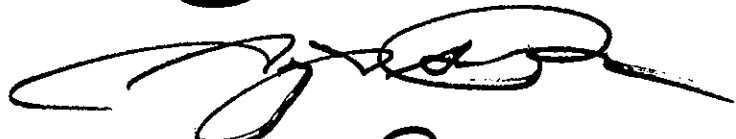
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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
 14 consider inviting the participation of other notable former and
 15 current Hawaii residents, such as: Daniel Dae Kim, star of
 16 "Lost" and "Hawaii Five-0"; Michelle Wie, pro golfer and
 17 athlete; Steve Case, business leader and former head of America
 18 Online; Tom Selleck, star of "Magnum P.I."; Tia Carrere, model,
 19 singer, and film star; and Nicole Kidman, recipient of the
 20 Academy Award for Best Actress; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the President and
 24 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

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OFFERED BY:





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