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## HOUSE 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, that the Governor is respectfully requested to  
31 create a Kama'aina Homecoming Commission for the planning and  
32 organization of a large-scale reunion event, and that the event



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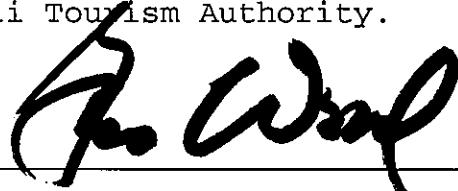
1 is requested to be held every five years in the State with a  
2 formal welcoming ceremony by the Governor; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to  
5 consider inviting as the honorary chair and/or keynote speaker  
6 of the event, Bruno Mars, who is an immensely popular singer,  
7 songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, record producer, and  
8 choreographer, born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to  
11 consider inviting the participation of other notable former and  
12 current Hawaii residents, such as: Daniel Dae Kim, star of  
13 "Lost" and "Hawaii Five-0"; Michelle Wie, pro golfer and  
14 athlete; Steve Case, business leader and former head of America  
15 Online; Tom Selleck, star of "Magnum P.I."; Tia Carrere, model,  
16 singer, and film star; and Nicole Kidman, recipient of the  
17 Academy Award for Best Actress; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the President and  
21 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.  
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