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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL OF DIWALI  
IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Diwali (or Deepavali), the "Festival of Lights",  
2 is celebrated on the darkest night of the year by lighting rows  
3 of decorative clay lamps, or diyas, to signify the destruction,  
4 through knowledge, of all negative qualities -- be it violence,  
5 anger, jealousy, greed, fear, or suffering; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil  
8 and embodies universal symbolism of light, virtuousness,  
9 knowledge, and truth; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Diwali for millennia has served as a time for  
12 celebration for families and communities, as well as an  
13 opportunity for personal spiritual reflection; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Diwali is a holiday that originates in ancient  
16 India and is also officially observed in Fiji, Guyana, Malaysia,  
17 Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, and  
18 Trinidad and Tobago; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated throughout Hawaii, across the  
21 United States of America, and around the world by Hindus, Sikhs,  
22 Jains, and Buddhists; and  
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24           WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated by United States  
25 Representative Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii's second congressional  
26 district, the first Hindu to serve in the United States  
27 Congress, alongside many citizens across the State; now,  
28 therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
32 House of Representatives concurring, that this body and all




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1 state citizens are requested to recognize and celebrate the  
2 Festival of Diwali; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
6 State of Hawaii.

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