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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, &
CULTURE AND THE ARTS
March 21, 2016
H.C.R.82/H.R.44**

**ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE THE CELEBRATION
OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL**

Chair Ito and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson,
Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I
am pleased to testify in support of HCR82/HR44.

Recognizing the significant role culture and the arts play in the identity
of Hawai'i, art has been integrated into Hawai'i public buildings since the origin
of our Hawaii State Capitol. Our civic planners laid the foundation for
incorporating works of art in state buildings by creating a state Capitol, uniquely
designed to reflect our island state.

The Capitol building itself, with its rotunda open to Hawaii's brilliant
blue skies, its statuesque palm-like columns, the volcanic shaped chambers, and
stunning mosaic mural by Tadashi Sato, chamber chandeliers by Otto Piene and
exquisite tapestries by Ruthadell Anderson is referred to as a "modernist
expression of civic ideals."

With the passing of time, it is important to celebrate and commemorate
endeavors of significance to inform future generations of this great state legacy.
This task force has the opportunity to encourage public appreciation of the
unique qualities of the Hawai'i State Capitol, and through that appreciation, the
heritage and character of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Re: HCR82 and HR44

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE THE
CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE
CAPITOL

For hearing on Monday, March 21, 2016

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT, WITH PROPOSED ADDITION

Dear legislators, it's wonderful to plan for celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hawaii state Capitol in 2019.

But of course there would be no state Capitol unless there were a State of Hawaii.

And as it happens, 2019 will also be the 60th anniversary of Hawaii statehood.

Therefore please amend this resolution to broaden it to include planning for celebration of both the 50th anniversary of the Capitol and the 60th anniversary of Hawaii Statehood. Why not have both celebrations combined into a single event? Save money and appeal to a wider audience.