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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKINAWAN IMMIGRATION TO HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, on January 8, 1900, thirty-three days after  
2 leaving Naha, Okinawa, twenty-six Okinawans arrived in Hawaii to  
3 work on a sugar plantation, marking the beginning of an  
4 indelible cultural bridge connecting the two groups of Pacific  
5 Islands; and

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7           WHEREAS, today, there are an estimated forty-five thousand  
8 people of Okinawan ancestry in Hawaii, making up approximately  
9 five percent of the State's population; and

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11           WHEREAS, the Okinawan community has been an active  
12 participant in Hawaii's development, significantly contributing  
13 to its growth from its territorial days through statehood; and

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15           WHEREAS, through the years, the Okinawan community has  
16 maintained its unique cultural identity while also sharing its  
17 distinctive culture with the rest of Hawaii, contributing to  
18 Hawaii's rich cultural diversity and multicultural traditions;  
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21           WHEREAS, this year marks the one hundred twentieth  
22 anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii; and

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24           WHEREAS, the Hawaii United Okinawa Association is  
25 celebrating this momentous occasion by organizing a number of  
26 events and activities throughout the year under the theme "Ukaji  
27 Deebiru: Celebrating 120 Years of Uchinanchu in Hawaii"; and

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29           WHEREAS, this year also marks other significant  
30 anniversaries in the Okinawan community, including the thirty-



1 fifth anniversary of the Hawaii-Okinawa Sister-State  
2 relationship; and

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4 WHEREAS, these commemorations are designed to share the  
5 Okinawan culture with people statewide, spotlighting the talents  
6 of masters of Okinawan performing and other arts, and is  
7 expected to attract thousands of local residents and Okinawans  
8 from all parts of the world; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
12 2020, the Senate concurring, that this body hereby recognizes  
13 and commemorates the one hundred twentieth anniversary of the  
14 Okinawan immigration to Hawaii and extends its warmest wishes  
15 and appreciation to the Okinawan community for their  
16 contributions to Hawaii; and

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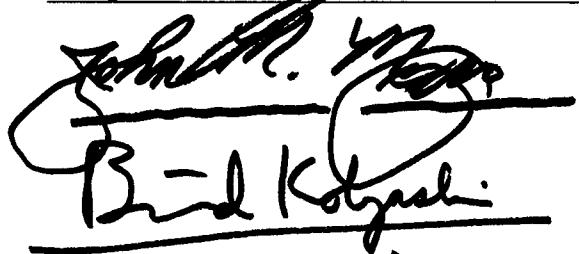
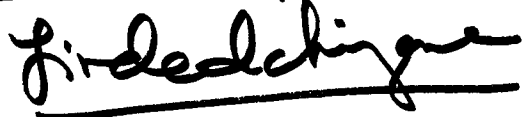

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
20 Hawaii United Okinawa Association.

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