
HOUSE 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-
31 fifth anniversary of the Hawaii-Okinawa Sister-State
32 relationship; and
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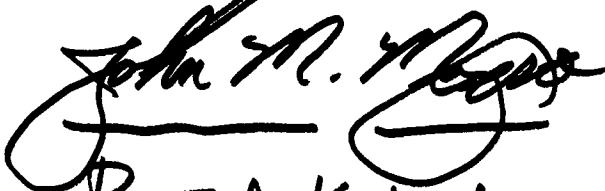
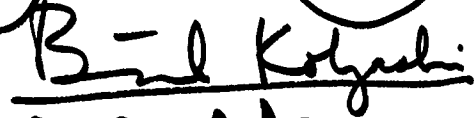
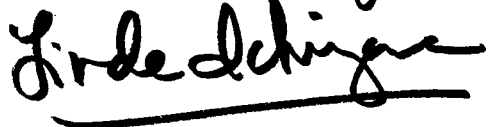
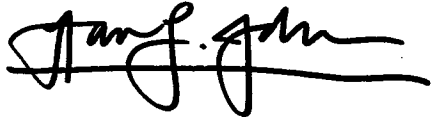
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1 WHEREAS, these commemorations are designed to share the
 2 Okinawan culture with people statewide, spotlighting the talents
 3 of masters of Okinawan performing and other arts, and is
 4 expected to attract thousands of local residents and Okinawans
 5 from all parts of the world; now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 8 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 9 2020, that this body hereby recognizes and commemorates the one
 10 hundred twentieth anniversary of the Okinawan immigration to
 11 Hawaii and extends its warmest wishes and appreciation to the
 12 Okinawan community for their contributions to Hawaii; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii United
 16 Okinawa Association.

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OFFERED BY: 





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