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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO BEGIN PLANNING TO COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS IN JAPAN TO APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZE THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II, INCLUDING THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS AND LIVES LOST IN JAPAN AND HAWAII THROUGHOUT THE WAR, AND REAFFIRM A COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THESE TRAGEDIES ARE NEVER REPEATED.

1 WHEREAS, for generations Hawaii and Japan have shared a
2 common cultural heritage; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii lost over two thousand four hundred lives
5 at Pearl Harbor and other locations on December 7th, 1941,
6 including numerous civilians; and

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8 WHEREAS, Japan lost as many as 226,000 lives as a result of
9 the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945,
10 including numerous civilians; and

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12 WHEREAS, countless others from Hawaii and Japan lost their
13 lives throughout World War II in battles throughout the Pacific
14 theater and around the world; and

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16 WHEREAS, following the conclusion of World War II in the
17 Pacific, Hawaii and Japan have dedicated themselves to ensure an
18 enduring peace in the Pacific; and

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20 WHEREAS, the mutual respect and longstanding friendship
21 between Hawaii and Japan has only deepened over the last eight
22 decades; and

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24 WHEREAS, August 2025 will mark the eightieth anniversary of
25 the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the
26 conclusion of World War II in the Pacific; and

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28 WHEREAS, true victory shall be measured not by the outcome
29 of any battle, or who may prevail in any war, but rather by the



1 enduring determination to maintain peace so these costly lessons
2 are never again repeated; and

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4 WHEREAS, properly recognizing and honoring the lives lost
5 in World War II, particularly at the anniversary of the bombings
6 of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will reaffirm the lessons learned
7 from these tragedies, strengthen mutual respect and
8 understanding between our people, and reaffirm the deep
9 friendship between Japan and Hawaii for new and future
10 generations; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is requested
15 to begin planning to collaborate with partners in Japan to
16 appropriately recognize the eightieth anniversary of the end of
17 World War II, including the atomic bombings and lives lost in
18 Japan and Hawaii throughout the war, and reaffirm a commitment
19 to ensuring these tragedies are never repeated; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
22 and the Arts is requested to plan and construct a memorial or
23 memorials, with the intention of offering one as a gift to the
24 people of Japan should they deem it appropriate, in a manner as
25 may be mutually agreeable to the appropriate partners in Hawaii
26 and Japan, to properly honor the lives lost in both places, in
27 particular innocent civilian casualties of war, and reinforce
28 that victory shall be measured not by the outcome of any battle,
29 or who may prevail in any war, but rather by the enduring
30 determination to maintain peace so these costly lessons are
31 never again repeated; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
35 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Executive
36 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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39 OFFERED BY: 

