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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A HOME FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN DIVERSITY CULTURAL  
CENTER HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the African American Diversity Cultural Center  
2 Hawaii was founded in October 1997 in Honolulu, Hawaii; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the Cultural Center is a nonprofit organization,  
5 created to increase awareness and promote a better understanding  
6 of the cultural heritage of African Americans in Hawaii; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Cultural Center preserves the two hundred year  
9 history of African Americans in Hawaii through exhibitions in  
10 its museum; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the museum serves to educate the public about the  
13 rich culture of African Americans and African American  
14 integration over the years into the multicultural communities in  
15 Hawaii; and  
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17           WHEREAS, in addition, the Cultural Center implements  
18 educational programs for the local community to encourage  
19 intercultural collaboration and cultural diversity; and  
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21           WHEREAS, among other services the Cultural Center offers a  
22 literacy program for children who are not reading at grade  
23 level, a school cultural enrichment program to acquaint teachers  
24 and students with African and African American culture through  
25 literature and performing arts, and an African American literary  
26 reading group; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the Cultural Center also hosts HIV/AIDS community  
29 awareness seminars, cultural events, and an annual Kwanzaa  
30 celebration; and  
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32           WHEREAS, the Cultural Center is seeking to acquire a stand  
33 alone facility for its museum to showcase African American  
34 contributions to the history of Hawaii; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the facility would serve as a place to promote  
2 educational programs, community events, and performing arts, and  
3 would provide a location for community meetings, a library, and  
4 an ethnic bistro; and

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6 WHEREAS, the facility would contribute to bridging the  
7 collective gaps in Hawaii's diverse ethnic experience; and

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9 WHEREAS, the African American Diversity Cultural Center  
10 Hawaii needs community support to make its dreams for a facility  
11 to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of African Americans in  
12 Hawaii a reality; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
16 Session of 2008, that the community is requested to support the  
17 African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii in its efforts  
18 to locate a facility on state, county, or private lands; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the  
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the  
23 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and to  
24 the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of each county.

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