
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ESTABLISH A WESTERN
WHITE HOUSE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, past
2 presidents have often maintained residences other than the
3 official presidential residence at the White House in
4 Washington, D.C.; and
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6 WHEREAS, the "Western White House" is a term often applied
7 to additional residences maintained by a President; and
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9 WHEREAS, several former presidents, including Lyndon B.
10 Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, and Ronald Reagan, maintained a
11 Western White House during their respective administrations; and
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13 WHEREAS, at times during World War II, the Royal Hawaiian
14 Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii served as a Western White House for
15 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and
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17 WHEREAS, many former presidents have utilized a Western
18 White House, not only as a residence, but also as a place to
19 administer their duties as chief executive and to host numerous
20 dignitaries from other nations; and
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22 WHEREAS, the twenty-first century has been referred to as
23 the Pacific Century because of the increasing influence of
24 Pacific Rim countries in international relations and global
25 economics, as well as the build-up of military forces in the
26 region; and
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28 WHEREAS, China and India represent the world's largest and
29 fastest growing populations, and their economies are expected to
30 demonstrate a similar rate of growth; and
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32 WHEREAS, Hawaii's proximity to Asia, close ties with
33 several Asian and Pacific countries, established infrastructure
34 and military presence, and resources such as the East-West
35 Center and the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council make Hawaii the



1 ideal location from which to foster improved relations with all
 2 Asian and Pacific countries, meet with foreign delegates, and
 3 administer the duties of the chief executive as the world moves
 4 into the Pacific Century; and
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6 WHEREAS, appropriate facilities already exist within the
 7 State that, in the past, have been used by President Bill
 8 Clinton to meet with foreign dignitaries and could be adapted to
 9 serve as a Western White House for President Barack Obama; now,
 10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2009, that the President of the United States is urged to
 15 establish a Western White House in the State of Hawaii; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
 19 the Governor, and the members of Hawaii's congressional
 20 delegation.
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