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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING EARTH HOUR BY ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII TO  
TURN OFF THEIR LIGHTS FROM 8:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M., HAWAII  
STANDARD TIME, ON MARCH 28, 2009.

1           WHEREAS, the impact of climate change is an enormous threat  
2 to the condition of the planet and health of its inhabitants;  
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5           WHEREAS, Earth Hour is based on Eastern Standard Time, when  
6 it is evening in Hawaii, and will be observed on March 28, 2009,  
7 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST), by  
8 millions of people around the globe who will be turning off  
9 their lights for one hour to make a bold statement about climate  
10 change; and  
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12           WHEREAS, in the past, key landmark buildings such as the  
13 White House, United States (U.S.) Capitol, Governor's mansion,  
14 and State Capitol, were encouraged to participate; and  
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16           WHEREAS, in 2008, this monumental unified call for action  
17 on climate change resulted in more than 50,000,000 people  
18 turning off their lights for Earth Hour; and  
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20           WHEREAS, lights were turned off in the Empire State  
21 Building, Golden Gate Bridge, Coliseum in Rome, and Sydney Opera  
22 House, and Google's home page went dark for the day; and  
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24           WHEREAS, hundreds of cities have agreed to participate in  
25 Earth Hour 2009, including Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Sydney, and  
26 Hong Kong; and  
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28           WHEREAS, turning off lights for Earth Hour will:  
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- 1           (1)   Symbolically urge the U.S. Administration to lead  
2           global efforts to secure a strong new climate change  
3           treaty;
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- 5           (2)   Support global efforts to curb deforestation, the  
6           cause of nearly 20 percent of all carbon dioxide  
7           emissions worldwide;
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- 9           (3)   Support legislation to establish a cap-and-trade  
10          program to lower domestic greenhouse gas emissions and  
11          promote the establishment of a low-carbon economy  
12          through renewable energy sources and improved energy  
13          standards; and
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- 15          (4)   Encourage the development of a preparedness strategy  
16          to assess and cope with the impacts of climate change  
17          on ecosystems and agriculture in the U.S.;

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21           WHEREAS, the climate is changing rapidly and its impact on  
22           the environment is growing exponentially, thereby profoundly  
23           affecting current and future generations; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26           Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27           of 2009, that the Governor, the Mayor of each county, all  
28           government entities in Hawaii, and people of Hawaii are  
29           encouraged to turn off their lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
30           HST on March 28, 2009, in recognition of Earth Hour.

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