
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
THE FALLS OF CLYDE AS A SAILING SYMBOL OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the significance of sailing to the State of Hawaii
2 is apparent by the existence of those who have braved the high
3 seas in the past; and
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5 WHEREAS, archaeological evidence shows that the earliest
6 people who arrived in Hawaii sailed on a double hulled canoe
7 across the ocean; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the late 1770s Captain Cook sailed from Europe
10 to Hawaii, as did the missionaries who sailed to Hawaii around
11 Cape Horn in the early 1800s; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde built and launched from Port
14 Glasgow, Scotland in 1878 and sailed the seas as a trade ship,
15 its voyages taking it to Karachi, Australia, India, New Zealand,
16 the British Isles, and California; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 1899 Captain William Matson purchased the Falls
19 of Clyde and it became the first four-mast ship to fly the
20 Hawaiian flag; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 1900 a special Act of Congress allowed the ship
23 to fly both the United States and Hawaiian Flags; and
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25 WHEREAS, from 1900 to 1907 the Falls of Clyde serviced the
26 residents of Hawaii by carrying sugar from Hilo to San
27 Francisco, California and returning with goods for Hawaii
28 residents; and
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30 WHEREAS, after being purchased by an oil company in 1907,
31 the ship was refitted and continued its hard work as a bulk
32 tanker and oil barge; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde continued to serve Hawaii for
2 thirteen more years, hauling molasses from Hilo to San
3 Francisco; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 1963 the Falls of Clyde was rescued and
6 returned to Hawaii with the help of The Honolulu Advertiser's
7 columnist Bob Kraus, the maritime community, Hawaii's school
8 children, and the United States Navy; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Bishop Museum took over management and the
11 Falls of Clyde was docked at Pier 5 in Honolulu Harbor and was
12 then toured by tens of thousands of people; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde was named a National Historic
15 Monument by the National Parks Service in 1988; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2008, Friends of the Falls of Clyde formed a
18 nonprofit corporation in order to save the ship; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Falls of Clyde, with a wrought-iron hull and
21 at two hundred sixty-five feet long and weighing more than a
22 thousand tons, is the only surviving fully rigged four-mast
23 sailing ship remaining in the world; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Falls of Clyde is
28 recognized as a historic symbol of Hawaii; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Falls of Clyde should
31 always be treasured and protected by the State of Hawaii and its
32 residents; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chair
36 of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Bishop
37 Museum, and the Friends of the Falls of Clyde.