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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE THE AREA IN HONOLULU BETWEEN  
KALIHI AND PUNAHOU STREETS, AND THE PALI LOOKOUT AND THE  
PACIFIC OCEAN AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Capital Cultural Coalition is a non-  
2 profit alliance of more than sixty arts and cultural  
3 organizations, businesses, public agencies, and community  
4 members; and

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6           WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawai'i Capital Cultural  
7 Coalition is to strengthen the rich cultural assets of central  
8 Honolulu, enhance the quality of life, and generate economic  
9 development; and

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11           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Capital Cultural Coalition seeks to  
12 accomplish its mission by fostering connections that will  
13 nurture and promote arts and cultural institutions, preserve and  
14 educate the public about Hawai'i's heritage and historic  
15 treasures, enhance the visitor and resident experience of the  
16 area, and encourage appropriate cultural and heritage tourism;  
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19           WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a place designated by  
20 Congress where natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources  
21 combine to form a cohesive, nationally-distinctive landscape  
22 arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography; and

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24           WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area Suitability/Feasibility  
25 Study was conducted by the Hawai'i Capital Cultural Coalition in  
26 compliance with guidelines established by the United States  
27 Department of Interior National Park Service; and

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29           WHEREAS, the National Heritage Area Suitability/Feasibility  
30 Study demonstrated that the ahupua'a area in Honolulu between  
31 Kalihi and Punahou Streets, and the Pali Lookout and the Pacific



1 Ocean meets the federal guidelines for National Heritage Areas;  
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4 WHEREAS, there is significant community support for such a  
5 designation; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the proposed heritage area has a magnificent  
8 concentration of natural, cultural, historic, and scenic  
9 resources that together represent Hawai'i's unique and  
10 invaluable heritage that should be celebrated, preserved,  
11 enhanced, recognized, and interpreted; and  
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13 WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas provide a vehicle for  
14 economic development, bring national recognition to an area's  
15 cultural importance, make available federal funding and  
16 assistance, and support locally-based collaborative initiatives  
17 to celebrate, preserve, enhance, recognize, and interpret the  
18 area's natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources; now,  
19 therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States  
24 Congress is urged to designate the ahupua'a area in Honolulu  
25 between Kalihi and Punahou Streets, and the Pali Lookout and the  
26 Pacific Ocean as a National Heritage Area; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Legislature  
29 supports the congressional designation by designating the  
30 ahupua'a area in Honolulu between Kalihi and Punahou Streets,  
31 and the Pali Lookout and the Pacific Ocean as the Hawai'i  
32 Capital Heritage Area; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
36 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
37 Representatives, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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