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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MANAGEMENT OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES AND THE AIR LINE
PILOTS ASSOCIATION TO SWIFTLY NEGOTIATE A FAIR AND
REASONABLE NEW LABOR CONTRACT.

1 WHEREAS, contract renegotiations between the pilots of
2 Hawaiian Airlines represented by the Air Line Pilots
3 Association, International and the management of Hawaiian
4 Airlines for an expired June 1, 2007, contract has been on-going
5 for more than two years; and
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7 WHEREAS, the more than four hundred Hawaiian Airlines
8 pilots have been working under concessionary contract terms,
9 both in and out of bankruptcy, for almost ten years and have
10 consistently sacrificed pay, retirement, work rules, and quality
11 of life to assist Hawaiian Airlines and its passengers whenever
12 they were called upon to do so; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines has been consistently profitable
15 since 2004, even while in bankruptcy and when other airlines
16 have gone out of business; and
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18 WHEREAS, the management of Hawaiian Airlines has refused to
19 negotiate reasonable contract terms with the pilots association
20 to enable pilots to receive compensation comparable to their
21 peers in the airline industry, even while Hawaiian Airlines has
22 plans to spend \$4,000,000,000 for new aircraft; and
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24 WHEREAS, the failure to reach a quick and amicable
25 agreement can affect the tourism and transportation industries
26 two of the most vital components of the State's economy, and any
27 potential strike or labor dispute involving Hawaiian Airlines
28 could severely damage both industries and deepen the State's
29 recession; now, therefore,
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