WHEREAS, MADD Hawaii was founded 25 years ago and has since played a prominent role in carrying out its national mission to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, MADD has dramatically changed the attitudes and behaviors of Hawaii's residents through its educational and awareness campaigns which have created better understanding of the tragic consequences of drinking and driving or consuming drugs and driving; and

WHEREAS, MADD has saved countless lives by lobbying for increased enforcement and stricter DUI laws, resulting in a five percent decline in alcohol-impaired driving fatalities between 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, MADD has championed an ignition interlock law, which requires the installation of breath-analyzing devices on vehicles of those convicted of drunk driving so the vehicle will not start if the driver is not sober; and

WHEREAS, MADD's red ribbon program, now called, "Tie One on for Safety," in its 20th year, asks drivers across the country to tie a red ribbon to a visible place on their vehicles to pledge their commitment to driving sober and buckling up during the holidays and the coming year; and

WHEREAS, MADD partnered with the Department of Transportation (DOT) last November for the "Tie One on for Safety" campaign, resulting in all 1,500 state vehicles from
DOT's Highways and Airports divisions displaying a red ribbon throughout last year's holiday season; and

WHEREAS, MADD Hawaii celebrated its 25th anniversary in November 2009, marking 25 years of dedicated commitment and service to the state through education and saving lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that this body hereby honors and commends MADD Hawaii for its contribution to making Hawaii a safer place, and extends its heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

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