 WHEREAS, the evolution of a society free from the ills of hatred, prejudice, and greed rests upon the commitment to promote the proliferation of educational experiences for today's youth, as observed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who wrote, "The ultimate victory of tomorrow is democracy, and through democracy with education, for no people in all the world can be kept eternally ignorant or eternally enslaved."; and

 WHEREAS, several hundred local Japanese were detained immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, in internment camps in the Territory of Hawaii, including the Sand Island Detention Center and Honouliuli Internment Camp on Oahu, Camp Kalaeo on Kauai, Haiku Camp on Maui, and Kilauea Detention Center on Hawaii Island; and

 WHEREAS, internees were housed in wooden barracks and tents which were patrolled by armed military guards and ringed with double barbed-wire fences and guard towers; and

 WHEREAS, while some internees were subsequently shipped to the mainland and others were released, most were imprisoned for the duration of the war with none ever charged with a crime; and

 WHEREAS, in 1945 these detention centers and internment camps were closed after most of the structures and fences were removed and over the years the camps vanished from view as they were covered entirely by foliage; and

 WHEREAS, THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII, a non profit organization, strives to share the history, heritage, and culture of the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawaii; and

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WHEREAS, for the past ten years, THE JAPANESE CULTURAL
CENTER OF HAWAII's Resource Center and the Hawaii Confinement
Sites Committee have been the driving forces behind The Hawaii
Internment Project; and

WHEREAS, supported by THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF
HAWAII, The Hawaii Internment Project has worked tirelessly in
the collection, organization and preservation of internment
primary resources; translation work of internee first-hand
accounts, letters, poems, and diaries; education-related work
including the donation of a 250 page folder of internment
primary resources to every public high school; conducting oral
history interviews of Hawaii internees and their children; and
the creation of the Dark Clouds Over Paradise: The Hawaii
Internees Story exhibit; and

WHEREAS, through the assistance of THE JAPANESE CULTURAL
CENTER OF HAWAII, The Hawaii Internment Project has focused on
preserving and memorializing Hawaii Internment camp sites and
has worked with Monsanto, the National Park Service, the Hawaii
Congressional delegation, and the Hawaii State Legislature to
achieve this goal; 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 extends its warmest aloha and
best wishes to THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII for their
continued efforts to support the Hawaii Internment Project.