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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII FOR THEIR  
CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE HAWAII INTERNMENT PROJECT.

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

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9           WHEREAS, several hundred local Japanese were detained  
10 immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7,  
11 1941, in internment camps in the Territory of Hawaii, including  
12 the Sand Island Detention Center and Honouliuli Internment Camp  
13 on Oahu, Camp Kalaheo on Kauai, Haiku Camp on Maui, and Kilauea  
14 Detention Center on Hawaii Island; and

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

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

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

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



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

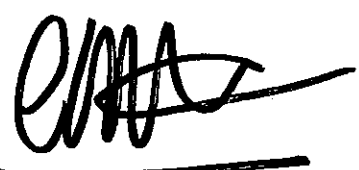
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 6 WHEREAS, supported by THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF  
 7 HAWAII, The Hawaii Internment Project has worked tirelessly in  
 8 the collection, organization and preservation of internment  
 9 primary resources; translation work of internee first-hand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

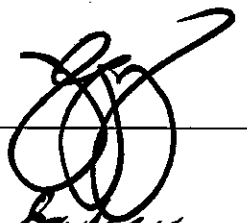
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 17 WHEREAS, through the assistance of THE JAPANESE CULTURAL  
 18 CENTER OF HAWAII, The Hawaii Internment Project has focused on  
 19 preserving and memorializing Hawaii Internment camp sites and  
 20 has worked with Monsanto, the National Park Service, the Hawaii  
 21 Congressional delegation, and the Hawaii State Legislature to  
 22 achieve this goal; now, therefore,


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 24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 25 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 26 of 2010, that this body hereby extends its warmest aloha and  
 27 best wishes to THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII for their  
 28 continued efforts to support the Hawaii Internment Project.


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