RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, a more prosperous future for our nation's economy means making investments in energy efficiency and clean energy today; and

WHEREAS, well-funded energy research and development will not only help protect our environment and support our communities, but it will also address concerns of global competitiveness and national security; and

WHEREAS, innovation in energy technology will decrease our oil use, strengthen our economy, and reduce the dangerous pollution that causes climate change; and

WHEREAS, as American scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs bring new and improved energy technologies to homes and businesses in this country and around the world, they will be showing American leadership and vision while also making clean energy the profitable kind of energy; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii faces a turning point in its energy policy; we can either remain a net importer of oil, or we can become a model for the development and use of clean energy technology; we can allow climate change to wreak unnatural havoc, or we can create jobs deploying low-carbon technologies to prevent its worst effects; and

WHEREAS, if Hawaii is to advance energy and climate security, we must focus on energy efficiency, promote sustainable industries, accelerate job training and job creation in these areas, and set effective and achievable standards for the generation and use of clean energy; as a State, we will lead by innovating, adapting to the global marketplace, and investing in the kind of sustainable future we want for the generations to come; 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 October is hereby recognized as Energy Awareness Month in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during Energy Awareness Month in Hawaii, all persons are encouraged to recognize the contributions of individuals, organizations, and companies that are committed to advancing energy innovation and efficiency, and we promote the importance of a clean energy economy in our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during Energy Awareness Month in Hawaii, all residents are encouraged to commit to using clean energy, supporting clean energy businesses, and increasing energy efficiency in their own homes and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Governor.

OFFERED BY:

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