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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PHILIPPINE TARSIER FOUNDATION.

1           WHEREAS, Philippine Tarsiers are an endangered species  
2 native to the Philippine islands of Bohol, Samar, Leyte, and  
3 Mindanao; and  
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5           WHEREAS, tarsiers are small primates that generally grow  
6 from four to five inches in height; and  
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8           WHEREAS, because of their popularity as a tourist  
9 attraction, many tarsiers are displayed in cages for easy  
10 viewing; and  
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12           WHEREAS, tarsiers held in captivity seldom survive, and  
13 have been known to injure or kill themselves due to the stress  
14 caused by their confinement; and  
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16           WHEREAS, despite efforts by the Philippine government to  
17 curb the display of tarsiers for commercial or business  
18 purposes, tarsiers are increasingly traded and taken from their  
19 native habitat; and  
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21           WHEREAS, in 1997, Philippine President Fidel Ramos issued  
22 Proclamation No. 1030, declaring tarsiers to be a specially  
23 protected faunal species and calling for the establishment of  
24 appropriate sanctuaries; and  
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26           WHEREAS, in 2001, Republic Act No. 9174, or the wildlife  
27 conservation law, included the protection and conservation of  
28 tarsiers and their natural habitat as part of Philippine  
29 heritage; and  
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31           WHEREAS, in 1996, the Philippine Tarsier Foundation  
32 acquired 170 hectares of forested area in Canapnapan, Corella  
33 for use as a tarsier sanctuary; and  
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35           WHEREAS, the Philippine Tarsier Foundation works to protect  
36 tarsiers from extinction through increased awareness, research



1 and breeding programs, and the establishment of protected areas  
2 in Bohol; and

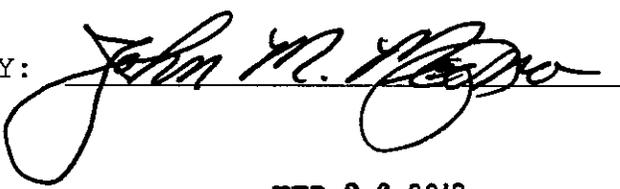
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4 WHEREAS, the Philippine Tarsier and Wildlife Sanctuary has  
5 been acknowledged as the center of the tarsier conservation  
6 program; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2010, that this body supports the efforts of the Philippine  
11 Tarsier Foundation and urges global support for the protection  
12 and conservation of tarsiers and their habitat; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges support for the  
15 Tarsier Sanctuary, its education and conservation programs, and  
16 its efforts to increase global understanding of the plight of  
17 the Philippine Tarsier; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
21 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
22 the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the  
23 Interior, the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the  
24 Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
25 of the Republic of the Philippines, and the Chairperson of the  
26 Board of Trustees of the Philippine Tarsier Foundation, Inc.

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