WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of our communities depend on the vision and entrepreneurial spirit of individuals and organizations working collaboratively for the benefit of the greater good; and

WHEREAS, originally named the Shonin Doshikai, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE was founded in 1900 to aid victims of a downtown Honolulu fire and, later, expanded its focus to include promotion of trade with Japan; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE solidified its presence in Hawaii's business community, demonstrating strong and courageous leadership for Japanese-Americans who faced discrimination and internment, and, by 1968, the organization had grown to become an associate member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, today, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, composed of over 600 members representing a cross section of Honolulu's business, industrial, and professional sectors, is continuously growing and evolving under innovative and enthusiastic leadership to support economic development and international relations; and

WHEREAS, the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE was instrumental in the development of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, a facility dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich and unique cultural heritage of the Japanese in Hawaii; 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 congratulates the HONOLULU JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE on the occasion of its 110th
Anniversary, recognizes its outstanding record of community service and leadership, and extends its best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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