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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE BARACK OBAMA  
FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND HAWAII AS THE SITE FOR  
THE BARACK OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, presidential libraries are important resources in  
2 preserving and providing the public access to presidential  
3 papers, records, and historical materials from the President of  
4 the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt observed during the  
7 dedication of his library in 1941, "To bring together the  
8 records of the past and to house them in buildings where they  
9 will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future, a  
10 Nation must believe in three things - It must believe in the  
11 past; it must believe in the future; it must, above all, believe  
12 in the capacity of its own people so to learn from the past that  
13 they can gain in judgment in creating their own future"; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Presidential Library for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century has  
16 evolved from a repository of presidential documents to be  
17 studied by researchers and historians to a future-learning  
18 Presidential Center that cultivates young leaders and brings  
19 people together to solve global problems; and

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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii's proposal, submitted by the University of  
22 Hawaii in collaboration and with support from state, federal,  
23 county, business, philanthropic, and community leaders, promotes  
24 a Barack Obama Presidential Center to not only preserve the  
25 President's legacy but to advance it through a center that  
26 promotes innovation, research, and education such as a K-12  
27 Global Youth Leadership Academy, an action-oriented Convening  
28 Institute, a University of Hawaii Center for Community  
29 Organizing, and an interactive, issues-based Visitor Center; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's advantage lies not only in its hospitable  
 2 climate and exceptional natural beauty but in its  
 3 multiculturalism and aloha spirit; where national and  
 4 international visitors, scholars, and global leaders will  
 5 experience the beauty of Hawaii's diversity and aloha spirit,  
 6 but most importantly a sense of place and familiarity; and  
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8 WHEREAS, as the world's attention pivots to the Asia-  
 9 Pacific region due to its growing economic and geopolitical  
 10 prominence, Hawaii represents the ideal location to build the  
 11 Barack Obama Presidential Center; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii is strategically located, culturally  
 14 diverse, and roughly equidistant from the world's principal  
 15 economic capitals, which will enable the Center to bring  
 16 together scholars, stakeholders, and decision-makers to tackle  
 17 global challenges, from climate change to economic inequality;  
 18 now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 22 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that this body requests  
 23 the United States Congress and the Barack Obama Foundation to  
 24 support and recommend Hawaii as the site for the Barack Obama  
 25 Presidential Library and Center; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
 29 congressional delegation and the Chair of the Board of Directors  
 30 of the Barack Obama Foundation.  
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