
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO BEGIN PLANNING TO COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS IN JAPAN TO APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZE THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II, INCLUDING THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS AND LIVES LOST IN JAPAN AND HAWAII THROUGHOUT THE WAR, AND REAFFIRM A COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THESE TRAGEDIES ARE NEVER REPEATED.

1 WHEREAS, for generations, Hawaii and Japan have shared a
2 common cultural heritage; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii lost over two thousand four hundred lives
5 at Pearl Harbor and other locations on December 7, 1941,
6 including numerous civilians; and

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8 WHEREAS, Japan lost as many as 226,000 lives as a result of
9 the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945,
10 including numerous civilians; and

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12 WHEREAS, countless others from Hawaii and Japan lost their
13 lives throughout World War II in battles throughout the Pacific
14 theater and around the world; and

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16 WHEREAS, following the conclusion of World War II in the
17 Pacific, Hawaii and Japan have dedicated themselves to ensure an
18 enduring peace in the Pacific; and

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20 WHEREAS, the mutual respect and longstanding friendship
21 between Hawaii and Japan have only deepened over the last eight
22 decades; and

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24 WHEREAS, August 2025 will mark the eightieth anniversary of
25 the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the
26 conclusion of World War II in the Pacific; and



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2 WHEREAS, true victory is measured not by the outcome of any
3 battle, or who may prevail in any war, but rather by the
4 enduring determination to maintain peace so these costly lessons
5 are never repeated; and
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7 WHEREAS, properly recognizing and honoring the lives lost
8 in World War II, particularly at the anniversary of the bombings
9 of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will reaffirm the lessons learned
10 from these tragedies, strengthen mutual respect and
11 understanding between our people, and reaffirm the deep
12 friendship between Japan and Hawaii for new and future
13 generations; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Foundation
18 on Culture and the Arts is requested to:
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20 (1) Begin planning to collaborate with partners in Japan
21 to appropriately recognize the eightieth anniversary
22 of the end of World War II, including the atomic
23 bombings and lives lost in Japan and Hawaii throughout
24 the war, and reaffirm a commitment to ensuring these
25 tragedies are never repeated; and
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27 (2) Plan and construct a memorial or memorials, with the
28 intention of offering one as a gift to the people of
29 Japan should they deem it appropriate, in a manner as
30 may be mutually agreeable to the appropriate partners
31 in Hawaii and Japan, to properly honor the lives lost
32 in both places, in particular innocent civilian
33 casualties of war, and reinforce that victory shall be
34 measured not by the outcome of any battle, or who may
35 prevail in any war, but rather by the enduring
36 determination to maintain peace so these costly
37 lessons are never repeated; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
41 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Executive
42 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

