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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE  
RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF THUA THIEN-HUE  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and  
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6           WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, the  
7 State has established a number of sister-province agreements  
8 with provinces in the Pacific region; and  
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10           WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the  
11 United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,  
12 there are compelling reasons to promote international friendship  
13 and understanding for the mutual benefit of both countries to  
14 achieve lasting peace and prosperity, as this serves the common  
15 interests of both countries; and  
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17           WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the  
18 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and  
19 financial bridge between ethnic Vietnamese living in Hawaii and  
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the  
21 Socialist Republic of Vietnam, such as the previously  
22 established sister-city relationship between the City and County  
23 of Honolulu and the City of Hue, which is the capital of the  
24 Province of Thua Thien-Hue; and  
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26           WHEREAS, a similar state-province relationship between the  
27 State and the Province of Thua Thien-Hue, whereby exchanges and  
28 cooperation could be established in the areas of business,  
29 trade, agriculture, environmentally and culturally sensitive  
30 tourism, sports, public health, education, economic development,



1 and humanitarian assistance, would reinforce and cement this  
2 common bridge of understanding and mutual assistance between the  
3 ethnic Vietnamese of both the State and the Province of Thua  
4 Thien-Hue; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Province of Thua Thien-Hue, like Hawaii, has  
7 an agricultural economy that is based upon sugar cane, fruits,  
8 and flowers, and aquaculture crops, such as shrimp; and

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10 WHEREAS, the city of Hue, capital of the Province of Thua  
11 Thien-Hue has been designated as a World Heritage Site by the  
12 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural  
13 Organization because its cultural and natural properties are  
14 considered to be of outstanding universal value and must be  
15 protected; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Province of Thua Thien-Hue's unique cultural  
18 and historical significance and natural beauty are important  
19 resources on which to base an environmentally and culturally  
20 sensitive tourism industry; and

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22 WHEREAS, Hawaii's long experience and expertise in tourism,  
23 agriculture, and aquaculture could be shared with the Province  
24 of Thua Thien-Hue; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the  
29 State of Hawaii, or the Governor's designee, is requested to  
30 take all necessary actions to establish a sister-province  
31 affiliation with the Province of Thua Thien-Hue in the Socialist  
32 Republic of Vietnam; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
35 keep the Legislature fully apprised of any progress made in  
36 establishing the relationship in order that the Legislature may  
37 be involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Thua Thien-Hue  
40 be afforded the privileges and honors to which Hawaii extends to  
41 its other sister-states and provinces; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the



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1 United States through the Secretary of State, the Governor of  
 2 the State of Hawaii, the President of the United States Senate,  
 3 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
 4 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the President of the  
 5 Socialist Republic of Vietnam through its San Francisco  
 6 Consulate General, the Governor of the Province of Thua Thien-  
 7 Hue, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and the Director of  
 8 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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