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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 28 AS CONFUCIUS DAY IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, citizens of Chinese heritage have made and  
2 continue to make significant contributions to the state and to  
3 the rest of the world in culture, education, agriculture, and  
4 business and industry; and  
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6           WHEREAS, one such individual is Confucius (ca. 551-479),  
7 who is acknowledged to be one of the world's greatest thinkers  
8 and teachers, and who began a philosophy and way of life in  
9 China that spread through many countries of Asia, including  
10 China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam,  
11 deeply influencing life and thought; and  
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13           WHEREAS, Confucius' philosophy emphasized personal and  
14 governmental morality, correctness of social relationships,  
15 justice, and sincerity, values which gained prominence in China  
16 over other doctrines such as Legalism or Taoism during the Han  
17 Dynasty; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Confucius championed the principles of strong  
20 familial loyalty, ancestor worship, respect of elders by their  
21 children and of husbands by their wives, and the family as a  
22 basis for an ideal government; and  
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24           WHEREAS, Confucius also preached not doing to others what  
25 you would not do to yourself, encouraged politicians to model  
26 themselves on the ways of honorable politicians of the past, and  
27 reminded us, "What the superior man seeks is in himself. What  
28 the mean man seeks is in others"; and  
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30           WHEREAS, although Confucianism is often followed in a  
31 religious manner, rather than building a systematic theory of  
32 life and society or establishing a formalism of rites, Confucius



1 wanted his disciples to think deeply for themselves and study  
2 the outside world; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Center for Chinese Studies at the University  
5 of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa, has been educating students about and  
6 expanding scholarship of this and many other aspects of China,  
7 the Chinese, and Chinese culture since 1977, publishes the  
8 journal *Chinese Review International*, and has become one of the  
9 largest centers for Chinese studies in the United States (U.S.)  
10 with 47 faculty and staff who teach over 150 courses; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii's ties to Confucius were further  
13 strengthened by the establishment of the Confucius Institute at  
14 UH-Manoa, which was one of 100 Confucius Institutes across the  
15 globe created to strengthen cultural awareness and offer more  
16 educational opportunities to learn and understand the Chinese  
17 language and Chinese culture; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Confucius Institute, with funds from UH, the  
20 U.S. government, and Ministry of Education of the People's  
21 Republic of China, conducts numerous community and child  
22 outreach programs, including Chinese language instruction, and a  
23 summer sports camp that involves learning traditional martial  
24 arts, table tennis, and swimming; and  
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26 WHEREAS, these efforts complement the work of the Office of  
27 International Affairs of the Department of Business, Economic  
28 Development, and Tourism to expand Hawaii's reach into China  
29 through various programs and a Beijing office; now, therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
33 Session of 2007, that September 28 be designated as Confucius  
34 Day in Hawaii; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of  
38 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, President of the  
39 University of Hawaii, Director of the UH Center for Chinese  
40 Studies, and Director of the Confucius Institute at UH.



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