
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION
OF IMMIGRANT RELATIVES BE EXPEDITED.

1 WHEREAS, the family is an institution of utmost importance
2 to the human society; and
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4 WHEREAS, the United States is a free and open society that
5 welcomes citizens from around the world; and
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7 WHEREAS, permitting family members to reunite after a
8 period of separation caused by immigration is highly desirable;
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11 WHEREAS, changes in visa procedures following the terrorist
12 attacks of September 11, 2001, reflect the country's concern for
13 ensuring the safety of United States citizens and visitors
14 alike; and
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16 WHEREAS, in general, it has become a complex and time-
17 consuming process to enter the United States and, in particular,
18 it often takes a very long time to process visas of relatives of
19 legal immigrants; and
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21 WHEREAS, it must be a goal to expedite visa requests of the
22 relatives of legal immigrants for purposes of family
23 reunification; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2007, that the President of the United States and the
28 United States Congress are respectfully urged to establish a
29 process by which visas for family members of legal immigrants
30 can be expedited for purposes of a swift family reunification;
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
35 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of



1 the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of
2 Homeland Security, Hawaii's congressional delegation, and the
3 Governor.
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