## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE ISLANDS OF POLYNESIA.

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people of Hawaii and the people of the many nations and territories comprising Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii has established a number of sister-state agreements with provinces in the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the United States and the islands of Polynesia, there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of all of the nations and territories to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves all of their common interests; and

WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and financial bridge between Polynesians living in Hawaii with their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the islands of Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and the islands of Polynesia would reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding and mutual assistance between all of its people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is

requested to take action to establish a relationship between Hawaii and the islands of Polynesia; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in establishing the relationship and to be involved in its formalization; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and the Governor.

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