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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO SELECT THE STATE OF HAWAII AS A HOST SITE FOR THE SUPER BOWL AND RELATED SUPER BOWL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, the National Football League (NFL) owns and produces the most popular annual sporting event in the United States, the Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Super Bowl, in addition to being the game that determines the national champions in professional football, also represents one of the world's greatest entertainment events, transcending the sport to include personalities and activities in other areas of American culture, such as popular music; and

WHEREAS, although Hawaii has never hosted the Super Bowl, it has served as the host of the highly-successful annual matchup known as the Pro Bowl, the NFL All-Star game played after the conclusion of each season; and

WHEREAS, as a world-renowned visitor destination, Hawaii has accumulated decades of experience in the tourism and hospitality industries; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii possesses the necessary infrastructure and resources, including a modern, state-of-the-art convention center, and the hotel capacity to handle the activities, personnel, equipment, and all of the other preparations that the Super Bowl entails; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii also possesses the ancillary personnel and infrastructure, such as police, the fire department, emergency medical services, parking and traffic control, and appropriate motor vehicles for transportation of personnel and equipment, needed to ensure that all of the activities and programs planned during Super Bowl Week leading up to and including the Super

Bowl itself, are conducted and staged in a smooth, efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, staging a Super Bowl in Hawaii would provide significant marketing and public relations benefits for both the State and NFL; 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 Legislature respectfully requests the NFL to select Hawaii as a host site for the Super Bowl and related Super Bowl activities within the next ten years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the NFL to stage the Super Bowl in Hawaii as a means to promote goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the State of Hawaii, and create job opportunities and substantial fiscal and economic benefits for our state.

OFFERED BY:

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