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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-CITY
RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CITY OF SARRAT IN THE
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES.

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, Hawaii
7 has established a number of sister state-province and state-city
8 agreements with provinces and cities 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 Republic of the Philippines,
12 there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves
15 the common 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 Filipinos living in Hawaii with
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the
21 Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city
22 relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the
23 City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and
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25 WHEREAS, similar state-province relationships exist between
26 the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte,
27 Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and
28 communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of
29 business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports,
30 health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor;
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2 WHEREAS, a similar sister state-city relationship would
3 reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding and
4 mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State of
5 Hawaii and the City of Sarrat, located in the Province of Ilocos
6 Norte and the birthplace of former Philippine President
7 Ferdinand E. Marcos; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that Governor Linda Lingle
12 of the State of Hawaii, or her designee, is requested to take
13 all necessary actions to establish a state-city affiliation with
14 the City of Sarrat in the Province of Ilocos Norte in the
15 Republic of the Philippines; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor or her designee is
18 requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully
19 informed of the process in establishing the relationship and
20 involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sarrat in the
23 Province of Ilocos Norte be afforded the privileges and honors
24 that Hawaii extends to its sister provinces and cities; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by June 30, 2012, the sister
27 state-city affiliation with the City of Sarrat in the Province
28 of Ilocos Norte has not reached a sustainable basis by providing
29 mutual economic benefits through local community support, the
30 affiliation shall be withdrawn; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
34 United States, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the
35 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
36 States House of Representatives, Hawaii's congressional
37 delegation, the President of the Republic of the Philippines
38 through its Honolulu Consulate General, the Governor and
39 Provincial Board of the Province of Ilocos Norte, and the Mayor
40 of the City of Sarrat, Republic of the Philippines.

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