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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROMOTING HAWAII AS THE WORLD'S INTERFAITH HARMONY CAPITAL.

1 WHEREAS, much of the violence in the world arises out of
2 religious conflict; and

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4 WHEREAS, religious conflict is often the result of
5 inadequate understanding of other religions; and

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7 WHEREAS, an effective means for minimizing misunderstanding
8 between religions is to promote open channels of communication
9 between religious faiths; and

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11 WHEREAS, the "aloha spirit" is recognized as an important
12 aspect of the Hawaiian culture and arises from the concepts of
13 understanding and acceptance; and

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15 WHEREAS, the "aloha spirit" has allowed various interfaith
16 religious groups to promote dialogue and activities in a free
17 and open manner and to draw participation from a broad base
18 transcending religious faiths; and

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20 WHEREAS, because of the "aloha spirit" Hawaii is uniquely
21 qualified to serve as a role model for the acceptance and
22 promotion of interfaith religious activities; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii should be
27 promoted as the world's Interfaith Harmony Capital; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii serve as a role model
30 for interfaith relations and host activities seeking to develop
31 and promote interfaith relations; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to representatives of the



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1 following organizations or religious faiths: Baha'i, Buddhism,
2 Christianity, Church Women United, Confucianism, Daoism,
3 Hawaiian Spirituality, Hinduism, Islam, Knights of Columbus,
4 Jainism, Judaism, Mokichi Okada Association, Native Americans,
5 Church of Perfect Liberty, Quakers, Risshio Kosei Kai, the
6 Salvation Army, Seichi-No Ie, Shinnyo-En, Shinto, Sikhism,
7 Sufism, Unitarian Universalism, Unity, and Zoroastrianism.
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