## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA, AND NAFSA: ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM AND PRODUCE A FILM PROMOTING HAWAII AS AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING DESTINATION OF CHOICE.

WHEREAS, Hawaii is recognized the world over as a worldclass tourist destination and tourism is a major source of economic activity in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii should capitalize on being a world-class tourist destination by diversifying visitors into "educational tourists" who might pursue a short-term training course in Hawaii or full degree programs; and

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's 2007-2008 enrollment of 5,645 international students rants as the  $31^{\rm st}$  among the fifty states; and

WHEREAS, international students are a clean industry for Hawaii and their presence helps to expose Hawaii's citizenry to the world; and

WHEREAS, this kind of interaction is essential for preparing Hawaii's youth to be able to collaborate and compete successfully in the  $21^{\rm st}$  century; and

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Convention Center in partnership with the University of Hawaii Academy for Creative Media, and NAFSA: Association of International Educators develop a program and produce a film promoting Hawaii as an education and training destination of choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Visitor Bureau should broadcast this film into the Waikiki hotels ensuring a broad range of tourists become familiar with the wide range of educational opportunities Hawaii has to offer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Convention Center, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Hawaii Visitor Bureau and the University of Hawaii Academy for Creative Media.

OFFERED BY:

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