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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE NEED FOR AN ACCURATE CENSUS COUNT FOR PURPOSES OF AN ACCURATE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

WHEREAS, under federal law, the President of the United 1 States is required to transmit a statement in January 2011 to 2 3 the one hundred and twelfth United States Congress on the population of each state, as ascertained under the 2010 4 5 decennial census, and the number of representatives to which 6 each state is entitled, provided that no state receives less than one member, under an apportionment of the then existing 7 number of representatives, which is currently 435, by the method 8 of equal proportions, under which the possibility exists that a 9 state can lose or gain seats depending upon the relative 10 population of the state in the total population of the union; 11 and 12

14 WHEREAS, federal law also requires the Clerk of the United 15 States House of Representatives to send to the governor of each 16 state a certificate of the number of representatives to which 17 the state is entitled, as shown in the President's statement to 18 Congress; and

20 WHEREAS, in March 2010, the United States Census Bureau 21 will mail or deliver to every household in the United States 22 census questionnaires for the 2010 decennial census, requesting 23 information that is accurate for each household as of April 1, 24 2010; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 decennial census will be a "short-form only" census and will count all residents living in the United States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure, and is intended to require only minutes to complete; and

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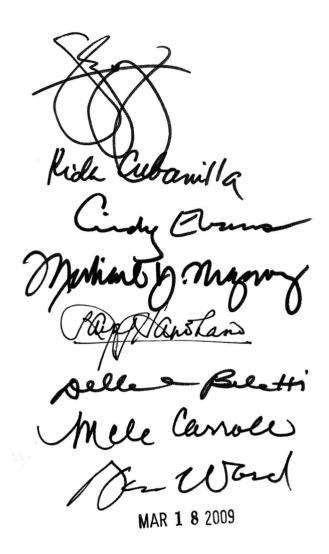
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WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau will mail a second 1 form to households that do not respond to the initial 2 3 questionnaire, and for households that still do not respond, the 4 households will be called or visited by a census worker; and 5 WHEREAS, the Census Bureau must count everyone and submit 6 7 state population totals to the President by December 31, 2010, for the President to be able to transmit the required statement 8 9 in January 2011 to Congress; and 10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently has two members in the House of 11 Representatives, and with the next census count, there is a 12 possibility that Hawaii would be entitled to have three members, 13 two members, or one member in the House of Representatives, 14 15 depending upon the relative population of the State in the total population of the union; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, a state's resident population consists of those persons "usually resident" in that state (where they live and 19 sleep most of the time), and a state's apportionment population 20 is the sum of its *resident* population plus the count of overseas 21 22 United States military and federal civilian employees (and their 23 dependents living with them) allocated to the state, as reported 24 by the employing federal agencies; and 25 WHEREAS, it is therefore of paramount importance that each 26 resident in this State participate truthfully in the 2010 27 28 decennial census; now, therefore, 29 30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 31 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested 32 to educate the public on the need for an accurate census count 33 for purposes of an accurate congressional representation and to 34 urge every household to participate in the census; and 35 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 37 38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor. 39 40 41 .doc

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