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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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RECOGNIZING AUGUST 2009 AS JAN KEN PO MONTH IN HAWAII AND URGING  
THE ORGANIZATION OF A STATEWIDE GRAND JAN KEN PO TOURNAMENT  
DURING THE MONTH TO RAISE FUNDS TO BENEFIT HAWAII'S PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, jan ken po, a game played with the fist and  
2 fingers, is believed to have been invented in Asia in the late  
3 19th century and acquired worldwide popularity in the 20th  
4 century; and

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6 WHEREAS, in our local community, both young and old alike  
7 often play the quick, enjoyable game of jan ken po - also known  
8 as the "rock, paper, and scissors" game in the English-speaking  
9 world -- to make simple decisions; and

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11 WHEREAS, as part of its March 2008 annual "Hats Off to  
12 American Red Cross" event to raise awareness of the critical  
13 importance of the American Red Cross in the community, the  
14 Hawaii Red Cross sponsored a jan ken po contest in Tamarind  
15 Park; and

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17 WHEREAS, while the four mayors of the state starred in the  
18 main event of the contest, and corporate executives and  
19 community leaders and entertainers participated in their own  
20 celebrity competition, donations to the Red Cross were collected  
21 by off-duty firefighters, police officers, civil defense and  
22 military personnel, business and club members, as well as  
23 individuals; and

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25 WHEREAS, especially during these difficult economic times  
26 in which even the most necessary government services may be cut  
27 or reduced, creative ideas are needed to raise funds for  
28 purposes as important as providing a quality education to our  
29 children; and

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31 WHEREAS, a jan ken po tournament similar to that sponsored  
32 by the Hawaii Red Cross can be organized to benefit this  
33 critical area of need; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
3 that August 2009 is hereby recognized as Jan Ken Po Month in  
4 Hawaii; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the  
7 organization of a World Championship Jan Ken Po Tournament  
8 during August 2009 to determine the world jan ken po champion  
9 while raising funds to benefit Hawaii's public schools,  
10 including coverage of facility repair and maintenance and school  
11 supply costs; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals, community  
14 organizations, businesses, and government agencies are  
15 encouraged to participate in the World Championship Jan Ken Po  
16 Tournament; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
20 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chief  
21 Executive Officer of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.  
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