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HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TO PROVIDE AIRLINE SERVICE TO HANEDA AIRPORT IN TOKYO, JAPAN.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's breathtaking natural beauty, evident on 2 very distinct and unique islands throughout the archipelago, 3 make it an ideal destination for millions of visitors every 4 year; and

6 WHEREAS, one of Hawaii's most unique features lies not in 7 its natural beauty but rather in the beauty and warmth of its 8 people exhibited by the Aloha Spirit; and

10 WHEREAS, the beauty of the Hawaiian islands and her people 11 not only attract visitors from the continental United States but 12 from all over the globe; and

14 WHEREAS, because of its location and strong ethnic and 15 cultural ties to Japan, with a large portion of Hawaii's local 16 population being of Japanese ancestry, Hawaii has become the 17 preferred travel and most visited overseas destination for 18 residents of Japan; and

20 WHEREAS, Japanese visitors are vital to the prosperity of
21 Hawaii's number one industry, tourism, and contribute nearly \$2
22 billion dollars annually to Hawaii's economy; and

24 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines has been a major contributor to 25 the tourism industry for decades and continues that tradition 26 today, transporting over one million visitors to the state each 27 year; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines is currently applying to the
 United States Department of Transportation to provide air
 carrier service to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan; and



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WHEREAS, as Hawaiian Airlines for the past 80 years has 1 done much to promote Hawaii as a premier travel destination, the 2 entrance of Hawaiian Airlines into the Japanese market, in 3 addition to its current service to Australia and the 4 Philippines, will bolster Hawaii's position as a key player in 5 the Asia-Pacific region; and 6 7 WHEREAS, not only will awarding the landing rights to 8 Haneda Airport to Hawaiian Airlines produce great benefits for 9 consumers by providing greater flight options and competition 10 for travel to and from Japan, it would also be beneficial to 11 Hawaii's economy by increasing convenience and access to Hawaii 12 for millions of Japanese travelers living near Tokyo; and 13 14 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines' entrance into the Japanese 15 market would not only be greatly beneficial to Hawaii but also 16 to the ten U.S. cities Hawaiian serves in the Western United 17 18 States; and 19 WHEREAS, the success of Hawaiian Airlines in expanding 20 their market also plays a pivotal role in the growth and 21 prosperity experienced by the State of Hawaii and its people; 22 23 now, therefore, 24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 25 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 26 of 2010, that this body supports the application of Hawaiian 27 Airlines to the United States Department of Transportation for 28 airline service to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan; and 29 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of 31 Transportation is urged to approve the application of Hawaiian 32 Airlines; and 33 34 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of 36 37 Transportation, United States Department of Transportation, and the President of Hawaiian Airlines. 38 39 40 41



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