THE SENATE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING 2010 AS THE YEAR OF ETHNIC STUDIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of 2 Hawaii at Manoa, which began in 1970 as an experimental two-year 3 program, is observing its fortieth anniversary; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the program became a department in 1995, offering 6 a bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies; and 7 8 WHEREAS, several state legislators, including Roland Kotani, Clayton Hee, Dwight Takamine, Brian Taniguchi, and Roy 9 Takumi, have been lecturers or teaching assistants in Ethnic 10 11 Studies; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies faculty have made substantial 14 contributions to scholarship on Native Hawaiians and other 15 island ethnic groups, as well as the society and culture of 16 Hawaii; and 17 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department has attained 18 19 national recognition for its research and publications on Asian 20 Americans and Pacific Islanders; and 21 22 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department has attained an international reputation for the work of its faculty in 23 increasing awareness of the ongoing devastating effects of 24 25 racial and ethnic conflicts and in opposing racism and discrimination in all forms; and 26 27 28 WHEREAS, students majoring in and studying Ethnic Studies have provided countless hours of community service to the people 29 30 of Hawaii during the past forty years; and 31 32 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies faculty maintains a research 33 and teaching philosophy that emphasizes praxis, the application

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1 of scholarship to the complex issues of our local communities; 2 and

WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department provides students with interdisciplinary analyses of social problems, issues, and policies that have an impact on peoples who have been affected by racism in national, transnational, and global contexts, with a particular emphasis in Hawaii, the Pacific, and the continental United States; and

11 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department founded the Ah Quon 12 McElrath Fund for Social Change to honor and support the vision 13 and perspectives of Ah Quon McElrath through annual activities 14 to educate students and the community about progressive social 15 change and justice; and

17 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies Department has planned a year-18 long series of activities to commemorate its fortieth 19 anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the House of Representatives concurring, that 2010 is proclaimed the Year of Ethnic Studies in Hawaii; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 27 Concurrent Resolution be sent to the Chairperson of the Board of 28 Regents of the University of Hawaii, the President of the 29 University of Hawaii, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii 30 at Manoa, the Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the 31 University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the Dean of the College of 32 Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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