HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM JANUARY 29 OF EVERY YEAR AS THOMAS PAINE DAY.

WHEREAS, Thomas Paine, a leader of the American revolution and one of the founding fathers, peer of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin, was one of the most brilliant political philosophers of his time; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Paine crystallized the decision of the colonies for independence with his work "Common Sense"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Paine supported the revolution through personal service, his fortune, and his inspirational "Crisis Papers"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Paine was the first to promote universal and equal education for boys and girls, equality for women, religious freedom, and to suggest a League of Nations; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Paine's life and work continue to inspire those who seek liberty and democracy all over the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested to express the State's support for Thomas Paine's contributions to our liberty by proclaiming January 29 of every year, beginning on January 29, 2012 as Thomas Paine Day in the State of Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Resolution Coordinator of Thomas Paine Friends, Inc.

OFFERED BY:

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