## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER'S INTENTION TO BUILD A SELF-SUSTAINED INTERACTIVE SCIENCE MUSEUM ON OAHU.

WHEREAS, aerospace is a strategic and timely growth industry for the State that requires proactive, coordinated, and sustained action to fully realize the significant scientific, educational, and commercial benefits that the aerospace industry can bring to the State; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's strategic assets include its unique location, moon- and Mars-like terrain, resident expertise covering a broad range of aerospace-related technologies, world-class telescopes, and long standing ties with space-faring nations throughout the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, local aerospace companies are equipped with the technical talent and state of the art infrastructure to develop next generation electro-optic technologies, space surveillance and defense systems, command and control networks, and other resources and capabilities that can be adapted for military and civilian aerospace applications; and

WHEREAS, major aerospace corporations currently established in Hawaii are looking to expand their operations in the State as a bridge to Asia-Pacific markets, especially in the development and delivery of advanced systems for aviation maintenance and training, air traffic control, satellite communications, and deep space tracking, surveillance and reconnaissance; and

WHEREAS, to effectively address Hawaii's current economic malaise, the State's limited funding resources should be invested in strategic growth industries that can attract substantial federal and private sector investments, support high-paying and sustainable employment opportunities for local

residents, develop creative opportunities to inspire and train students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics related fields, and expand and diversify research and commercial development programs at universities and businesses statewide; and

WHEREAS, no current state or private organization exists whose primary goals are to:

(1) Teach the general public extended learning in interdisciplinary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics principles through discovery in space exploration and aerospace development;

(2) Make innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics accessible to the public through teaching, conferences and participatory learning integrated with the scientific community;

(3) Build cultural understanding and international collaboration by teaching world cultures and their contributions to space exploration and aerospace development; and

(4) Inspire involvement in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields to develop a technologically proficient workforce; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports the International Space Museum and Cultural Center's intention to build a self-sustained interactive science museum on Oahu to promote cultural understanding and peaceful cooperation between nations and individuals through inspirational science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, and discovery in space exploration collaborations; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the International Space Museum and Cultural Center is requested to provide the Legislature with a comprehensive execution plan detailing its intended scope, State and community integration, international partnerships,

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construction plans, and costs for evaluation of possible resource allocation no later than December 10, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies and departments are requested to aid in the development of the comprehensive plan by:

(1) Facilitating communication between private, county, state, national, and international organizations and the International Space Museum and Cultural Center;

- (2) Providing data and other information to the International Space Museum and Cultural Center development; and
- (3) Building integrative strategies between state agencies and the International Space Museum and Cultural Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the International Space Museum and Cultural Center; the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; the Governor; the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the President of the University of Hawaii; the Superintendent of Education; Chairperson of the Board of Education; the Director of the Office of Aerospace Development; the Director of the Office of International Affairs; the President of Hawaii Pacific University; the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii; the President of Chaminade University of Hawaii, and the President of Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

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