HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines will benefit tremendously from the promotion of international friendship and understanding and the accomplishment of lasting peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a particular interest in promoting ties, friendship, and goodwill with the Philippines because a substantial number of persons of Filipino descent, who reside in the State of Hawaii, contribute significantly to the prosperity and development of the State and desire to maintain close cultural, commercial, and financial bridges with their relatives, friends, and business counterparts living in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii has passed laws on matters of interest to the Philippines such as land use, conservation of environmental and natural resources, alternative and renewable energy sources, water and sewerage management, juvenile justice, education, public health, mass transportation, housing, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the League of Cities of the Philippines is a non-stock, non-profit corporation created by the Eighth Congress of the Republic of the Philippines to seek opportunities for cooperation in the fields of economics, trade, culture, education, health, tourism, and environmental protection to benefit economic and social development of cities in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines share common goals of fostering strong and effective local governments, developing camaraderie, and sharing knowledge and capacities amongst local governments of different countries; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines has been drafted that strengthens political, social, and economic cooperation between these parties;; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the Legislature recognizes the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the State of Hawaii and the League of Cities of the Philippines and acknowledges the importance of implementing strategies to fulfill its objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Embassy of the United States Manila, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Executive Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Department of Interior and Local Government of the Philippines, President of the League of Cities of the Philippines, President of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and Chair of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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