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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DESIGNATION OF HAWAII AS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR
THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AND ITS TRADE AGREEMENTS
THROUGHOUT THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC
ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

1 WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States hosted the first Asia-
2 Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Seattle,
3 Washington, where President Bill Clinton and the APEC Leaders
4 established a consortium pledged to make APEC a "voice" in the
5 global economy; and
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7 WHEREAS, in 1994, the National Center for APEC was formed
8 in Seattle, Washington, to facilitate the development of
9 business policies and inputs in the economies of the Asia
10 Pacific region and give American corporations and private sector
11 organizations an opportunity to participate in the APEC process
12 as stakeholders; and
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14 WHEREAS, twenty-one countries, including Australia, Brunei,
15 Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia,
16 Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines,
17 Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, Taiwan,
18 Thailand, the United States of America, and Vietnam,
19 participated in the APEC Summit, making it the world's largest
20 intergovernmental summit in the Asia Pacific region; and
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22 WHEREAS, during the 1994 APEC Summit in Bogor, Indonesia,
23 APEC leaders outlined a long-range plan and goals for a Free
24 Trade Agreement of the Asia Pacific region for developing
25 countries in the Asia Pacific region and established the Bogor
26 Doctrine, a strategy to promote free trade agreements; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Bogor Doctrine has encouraged APEC countries
29 to have a Free Trade Agreement of the Asia Pacific Region by the
30 year 2020; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was
33 established in 2005 and led by members of the APEC countries to



1 meet the goals of the Bogor Doctrine for its regional trade and
2 commerce and regulatory investment treaty; and
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4 WHEREAS, in November 2011, the United States and State of
5 Hawaii hosted the 19th APEC Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii, where
6 President Barack Obama and APEC leaders incorporated the Bogor
7 Doctrine into the TPP Free Trade Agreement; and
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9 WHEREAS, as of 2014, twelve countries throughout the Asia
10 Pacific region, including Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile,
11 Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and the
12 United States, had participated in the negotiations of the TPP;
13 and
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15 WHEREAS, from September 26 to October 1, 2015, the United
16 States and the TPP members approved the TPP terms and conditions
17 and the TPP Free Trade Agreements, and reached an agreement on
18 the 21st Century High Standards Comprehensive Agreement; and
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20 WHEREAS, on February 4, 2016, in Auckland, New Zealand, the
21 TPP members signed the TPP Trade Agreement, and the United
22 States Congress has ninety days from the date of signing to
23 disapprove or approve the TPP Trade Agreement; and
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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii is an ideal headquarters to bring together
26 APEC and TPP members to discuss further increased investments of
27 trade and commerce and work toward the goals of the Bogor
28 Doctrine and establishment of a Free Trade Agreement of the Asia
29 Pacific region by the year 2020; and
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31 WHEREAS, recent bombings and terrorist attacks have created
32 a worldwide alert and increased security measures and travel
33 alerts; and
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35 WHEREAS, the United States Pacific Command is located in
36 Hawaii, and Hawaii is protected by the United States Department
37 of Defense, thereby providing a secure location for government
38 officials, diplomats, and business leaders; and
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40 WHEREAS, the United States and State of Hawaii have already
41 hosted the TPP Negotiation Ministers Meeting in Kona, Hawaii,



1 from March 9 to 14, 2015, and in Maui, Hawaii, from July 27
2 to 31, 2015; and

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4 WHEREAS, the recent 2016 United States Association of
5 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Leaders Summit in Sunnylands,
6 California, was a successful summit to bring peace, security,
7 economic development, and prosperity to the Asia Pacific region;
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10 WHEREAS, engagement in the new initiative "U.S. and ASEAN
11 Connect" will further reunite the ASEAN Members to work together
12 for betterment of the human race with the TPP members; now,
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
17 that the Governor is encouraged to issue a memorandum to the
18 United States Congress, United States Trade Representative's
19 Office, Department of State, Executive Office of the President,
20 and TPP Members stating that the State of Hawaii should be the
21 headquarters for the APEC, Trans Pacific Partnership, and its
22 trade agreements throughout the Asia Pacific region; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
25 encouraged to adopt a resolution designating the same and for
26 the resolution to be forwarded to the members of the TPP and
27 requesting the introduction of new legislation to the Fast Track
28 Trade Promotion Authority bill to facilitate and include the
29 State of Hawaii as the headquarters for the TPP and its trade
30 agreements for the Asia Pacific region and have the TPP
31 Secretary General be located in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

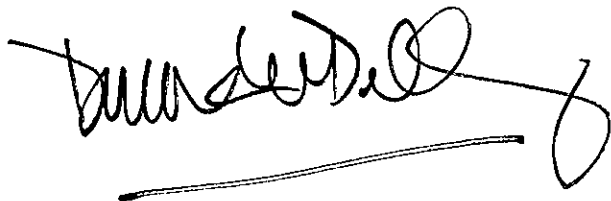
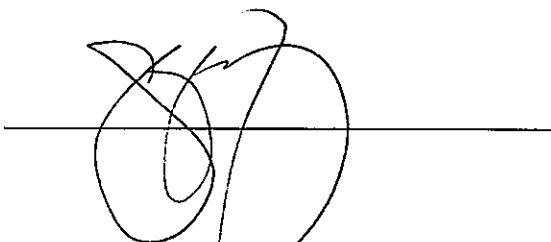
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
35 Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Hawaii's Congressional
36 Delegation, Governor, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
37 Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Mayor of the County of Kauai,
38 Mayor of the County of Maui, Chief Negotiator of the Trans-
39 Pacific Partnership, Director of the Asia-Pacific Economic
40 Cooperation, Executive Director of the Hawaii Chamber of
41 Commerce, President of the East-West Center, and Chairman of the



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