

Tourism and International Affairs Committee Members,

I would like to express my full support to establish a Sister State Relationship Office between Hawaii and Goa. The venture between these states will have many mutual benefits including increased trade, tourism, pilgrimage, motion pictures, concerts, sports, education and cultural exchange programs. The agreement would likely create more employment and contribute to the generation of increased revenues for the State of Hawaii.

I would also like to express my support for the appointment of Doctor Raj Kumar as a Liaison for the Sister State Office between Goa, India and Hawaii, USA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Ansted", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Permit me this opportunity to register my support for the passage of Resolution SCR20 aimed at establishing a Sister-State Relationship Office between the State of Hawaii, U.S.A. and Goa, India. This Resolution opens the door to not only building a mutual partnership between these two states but also between two democratic countries.

It is a known fact, that India is growing in many sectors, including technology, the arts and sciences. Today India is acknowledged as an economic leader in South Asia. The passage of Resolution SCR 20 could have significant positive benefits for the State of Hawaii in the following areas: technology transfer, promoting religious retreats, and the marketing of local arts, crafts and food products.

In the event Resolution SCR 20 passes and the Sister-State Office is established, I strongly recommend that Raj Kumar, Ph.D, be nominated to head it. He has been unwavering in his commitment and dedication to bringing this initiative to fruition.