
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL
PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE, UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AND
THE TOKYO ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC GAMES TO ENCOURAGE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC
ATHLETES TO TRAIN IN HAWAII FOR THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS
AND THE 2020 SUMMER PARALYMPICS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a rich cultural, historical, and
2 spiritual heritage in sports and athletics; and
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4 WHEREAS, sports were a significant part of Native Hawaiian
5 culture and life, with athletics being an important way of
6 showcasing the physical abilities of Hawaiian warriors; and
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8 WHEREAS, competitive sports were an important element in
9 the ceremonies associated with the Makahiki season, with ali'i
10 and commoners alike training to compete; and
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12 WHEREAS, athletics remains an important part of Hawaii's
13 culture, with the State holding a large number of major
14 international and national sports events each year, including
15 the Honolulu Marathon; Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Race; IRONMAN World
16 Championship; XTERRA World Championship; Maui Jim Maui
17 Invitational; major golf tournaments including the Sony Open and
18 Mitsubishi Electric Championship; and numerous surfing events
19 including The Quicksilver in memory of Eddie Aikau Big Wave
20 Invitational and the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing; and
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22 WHEREAS, sports tourism has also been a major driver of
23 Hawaii's economy, producing \$144,000,000 in economic impacts in
24 2016; and
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26 WHEREAS, the International Olympic Committee approved the
27 addition of baseball, softball, karate, sport climbing, surfing,



1 and skateboarding to the 2020 Summer Olympics, and the
2 International Paralympic Committee approved the addition of
3 badminton and taekwondo to the 2020 Summer Paralympics; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of these new sport additions have long, rich
6 traditions in the State, most notably the sport of surfing, the
7 heritage of which can be directly traced to the Native
8 Hawaiians; and
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10 WHEREAS, in addition to the State's rich sports legacy,
11 Hawaii is blessed with the spirit of aloha and is welcoming to
12 all visiting athletes, including all potential Olympic or
13 Paralympic athletes; and
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15 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is eager and prepared to work
16 together with the International Olympic Committee, International
17 Paralympic Committee, United States Olympic Committee, and the
18 Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
19 to welcome all athletes who wish to train for the 2020 Summer
20 Olympics and 2020 Summer Paralympics in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the International Olympic
25 Committee, International Paralympic Committee, United States
26 Olympic Committee, and the Tokyo Organising Committee of the
27 Olympic and Paralympic Games are urged to encourage Olympic and
28 Paralympic Athletes training to compete in the 2020 Summer
29 Olympics and 2020 Summer Paralympics to conduct their athletic
30 training in Hawaii; and
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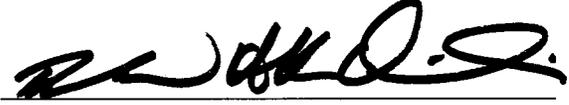
32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
34 Secretary of State, members of Hawaii's Congressional
35 Delegation, Governor, Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii
36 Tourism Authority, Chairperson of the Stadium Authority,
37 Director of Athletics of the University of Hawaii at Manoa,
38 Chairperson of the Disability and Communication Access Board,
39 Mayor of each county, President of the International Olympic
40 Committee, President of the International Paralympic Committee,
41 Chief Executive Officer of the United States Olympic Committee,
42 Director General of the Tokyo Organising Committee of the



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1 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Dean of the Consular Corps of
2 Hawaii, and President of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism
3 Association.
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