

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE WALL STREET JOURNAL INCLUDE HAWAIIAN
AIRLINES IN THE NEWSPAPER'S FUTURE RANKINGS OF THE BEST AND
WORST AIRLINES IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines began ninety years ago with a fleet of two eight-passenger amphibious planes traveling between Hawaii, Oahu, and Maui; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines now has a fleet of sixty-one aircraft and provides service to thirteen cities in the continental United States and various countries in Asia and the South Pacific, including American Samoa, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and Tahiti; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines was named one of the top five best airlines in the United States in 2019 by numerous websites, including Conde Nast, Kayak, The Points Guy, Thrillist, Travel + Leisure, and WalletHub; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines was also ranked by Forbes as the fifth-highest quality airline in the United States in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Wall Street Journal recently published its list of "The Best and Worst U.S. Airlines of 2019", which ranked nine airlines based on the following categories: on-time arrivals, cancelled flights, extreme delays, two-hour tarmac delays, mishandled baggage, involuntary bumping, and complaints; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Airlines was absent from the Wall Street Journal's rankings; and

WHEREAS, the Wall Street Journal stated that, although Hawaiian Airlines would have been ranked as the number one best

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airline in the United States in 2019 if the airline was included in the ranking, the Wall Street Journal specifically excluded Hawaiian Airlines because the airline "has a big chunk of its business in short hops between islands where the weather is . . . paradise" and the airline's "limited exposure to the mainland distorts comparisons"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Wall Street Journal is requested to include Hawaiian Airlines in the newspaper's future rankings of the best and worst airlines in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief Executive Officer of Airlines for America; President of Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Executive Director of Hawaii Business Roundtable; President and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association; President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Airlines, Inc.; and Editor in Chief of The Wall Street Journal.

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