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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING MICROSOFT TO CONSIDER BUILDING A DATA CENTER IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Microsoft has made numerous investments to people,  
2 organizations, and the planet and has also demonstrated its deep  
3 commitment to the State; and

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5           WHEREAS, Microsoft employs more than sixty-five employees  
6 throughout the State, who in turn have engaged in two hundred  
7 eighty-four hours of volunteer work; and

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9           WHEREAS, six hundred sixty-three nonprofits in the State  
10 have received cash and in-kind donations from Microsoft; and

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12           WHEREAS, Microsoft has demonstrated its commitment to  
13 workforce development and cybersecurity in the State via a grant  
14 to Hawai'i Community College from Microsoft and the American  
15 Association of Community Colleges' Cyber Skills for All  
16 Initiative, which helps fund and provide technical assistance to  
17 community colleges to accelerate their cybersecurity programs;  
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20           WHEREAS, this initiative is part of Microsoft's national  
21 campaign to help community colleges work to train and recruit  
22 people for jobs in the cybersecurity workforce, with a goal of  
23 two hundred fifty thousand cybersecurity workers by 2025,  
24 representing half of the country's workforce shortage; and

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26           WHEREAS, Microsoft has also established several local  
27 partnerships in Hawaii; and

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29           WHEREAS, for example, with support from a Microsoft grant,  
30 Goodwill is equipping job seekers and career advancers with  
31 digital skills aligned with in-demand occupations needed for  
32 post-pandemic employment, including job seekers learning in the



1 top three levels of digital skills training: productivity  
2 software, entry level digital skills, and mid-level and  
3 occupation specific digital skills; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Microsoft also has an official Digital Alliance  
6 partnership in the State, which focuses on STEM and computer  
7 science for youth and covers, and a partnership with the Chamber  
8 of Commerce Hawaii focused on entrepreneurs, small businesses,  
9 and education; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Microsoft is also committed to improving broadband  
12 access in the State through its Airband Initiative, which  
13 advances digital equity access to affordable internet,  
14 affordable devices, and digital skills as a platform for  
15 empowerment and digital transformation; and  
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17 WHEREAS, because environmental issues are also increasingly  
18 affecting living conditions and economies throughout the globe,  
19 Microsoft has made a commitment to be carbon negative by 2030,  
20 water positive by 2030, zero waste by 2030, and protect  
21 ecosystems by developing a Planetary Computer; and  
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23 WHEREAS, additionally, through new digital tools Microsoft  
24 can assist in decarbonizing operations and infrastructure, which  
25 was the modification behind the Microsoft Cloud for  
26 Sustainability; and  
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28 WHEREAS, two seismic shifts in society are happening at the  
29 same time: the digitization of nearly everything, in what some  
30 call the fourth industrial revolution, and a move toward  
31 renewable energy driven by the climate crisis and other world  
32 events; and  
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34 WHEREAS, at the confluence of these movements are thousands  
35 of datacenters operating around the clock to support a wide  
36 spectrum of critical services; and  
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38 WHEREAS, data centers are facilities that centralize an  
39 organization's information technology operations and equipment  
40 for the purposes of storing, processing, and disseminating data  
41 and applications; and  
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