
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA'S CENTER FOR
JAPANESE STUDIES WAY OF TEA CENTER ON JAKU'AN'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, JAKU'AN (寂庵), "hut of tranquility", is a
2 traditional Japanese tea house set in the Sei'en (清苑), "garden
3 of purity", that has been on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
4 (UH) campus since 1972, where it has helped transmit Japanese
5 culture and aesthetics beyond the borders of Japan to Hawai'i;
6 and

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8 WHEREAS, JAKU'AN has been the location for the lessons and
9 practice of the UH Way of Tea Club, founded in 1967, providing
10 thousands of UH students with the opportunity to become
11 acquainted with the Japanese Way of Tea, *chanoyu* (茶の湯), one of
12 Japan's most important cultural traditions that has influenced
13 the country's art, architecture, philosophy, cuisine, letters,
14 literature, and even politics for centuries; and

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16 WHEREAS, this time-honored structure was erected after Dr.
17 Genshitsu Sen, formerly Sen Sōshitsu, the 15th generation Grand
18 Tea Master of the Urasenke Chadō Tradition, commissioned the
19 building of JAKU'AN with its materials and craftsmen all
20 brought over from Japan; and

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22 WHEREAS, Dr. Sen has introduced the world to Chadō, "The
23 Way of Tea", and donated the structure together with endowed
24 funding to UH to carry out his life's mission of fostering
25 "peacefulness through a bowl of tea" and, along with the
26 Urasenke Hawai'i Foundation, continues to support and advocate
27 for JAKU'AN; and

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29 WHEREAS, in 2023, Dr. Sen celebrated his 100th birthday and
30 continues to educate students in Hawai'i and promote worldwide



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1 understanding and peace through the teaching of tea ceremony and
2 JAKU'AN; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by The House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular
6 Session of 2024, that this body hereby congratulates the
7 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Center for Japanese Studies Way
8 of Tea Center on JAKU'AN's 50th anniversary, honors its role in
9 fostering peace through the Chadō practice, commemorates the
10 100th birthday of Dr. Genshitsu Sen, commends the Urasenke
11 Hawai'i Foundation for their sustaining support for JAKU'AN, and
12 expresses its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued
13 success in all future endeavors.

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