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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO BEGIN PLANNING TO COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS IN JAPAN TO APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZE THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II, INCLUDING THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS AND LIVES LOST IN JAPAN AND HAWAII THROUGHOUT THE WAR, AND REAFFIRM A COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THESE TRAGEDIES ARE NEVER REPEATED.

1 WHEREAS, for generations Hawaii and Japan have shared a
2 common cultural heritage; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii lost over two thousand four hundred lives
5 at Pearl Harbor and other locations on December 7th, 1941,
6 including numerous civilians; and

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8 WHEREAS, Japan lost as many as 226,000 lives as a result of
9 the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945,
10 including numerous civilians; and

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12 WHEREAS, countless others from Hawaii and Japan lost their
13 lives throughout World War II in battles throughout the Pacific
14 theater and around the world; and

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16 WHEREAS, following the conclusion of World War II in the
17 Pacific, Hawaii and Japan have dedicated themselves to ensure an
18 enduring peace in the Pacific; and

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20 WHEREAS, the mutual respect and longstanding friendship
21 between Hawaii and Japan has only deepened over the last eight
22 decades; and

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24 WHEREAS, August 2025 will mark the eightieth anniversary of
25 the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the
26 conclusion of World War II in the Pacific; and

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28 WHEREAS, true victory shall be measured not by the outcome
29 of any battle, or who may prevail in any war, but rather by the
30 enduring determination to maintain peace so these costly lessons
31 are never again repeated; and



1 WHEREAS, properly recognizing and honoring the lives lost
2 in World War II, particularly at the anniversary of the bombings
3 of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will reaffirm the lessons learned
4 from these tragedies, strengthen mutual respect and
5 understanding between our people, and reaffirm the deep
6 friendship between Japan and Hawaii for new and future
7 generations; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
11 that the State is requested to begin planning to collaborate
12 with partners in Japan to appropriately recognize the eightieth
13 anniversary of the end of World War II, including the atomic
14 bombings and lives lost in Japan and Hawaii throughout the war,
15 and reaffirm a commitment to ensuring these tragedies are never
16 repeated; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
19 and the Arts is requested to plan and construct a memorial or
20 memorials, with the intention of offering one as a gift to the
21 people of Japan should they deem it appropriate, in a manner as
22 may be mutually agreeable to the appropriate partners in Hawaii
23 and Japan, to properly honor the lives lost in both places, in
24 particular innocent civilian casualties of war, and reinforce
25 that victory shall be measured not by the outcome of any battle,
26 or who may prevail in any war, but rather by the enduring
27 determination to maintain peace so these costly lessons are
28 never again repeated; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business,
32 Economic Development, and Tourism; and Executive Director of the
33 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.
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OFFERED BY: _____

