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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JULY AS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MONTH IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, religious conflict is one of the most dangerous  
2 social conditions in the world, and religiously motivated  
3 violence is a threat to world peace and economic stability; and  
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5           WHEREAS, during a time of increasing religious strife, it  
6 is important to build public awareness and support for religious  
7 freedom and to learn to live together despite religious  
8 differences; and  
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10           WHEREAS, religious freedom recognizes the right of each  
11 person to determine their own religion, or lack thereof, the  
12 right to associate and assemble together for public worship, and  
13 the right to change one's belief; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Hawaii is the melting pot for many different  
16 cultures and religions and serves as an appropriate venue for  
17 the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom (Festival); and  
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19           WHEREAS, the Festival is a joint effort by the Hawaii  
20 Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Liberty magazine, North  
21 American Religious Liberty Association, and the International  
22 Religious Liberty Association; and  
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24           WHEREAS, some of the Festival's goals include:

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- 26           (1) Building public awareness and support for religious  
27           liberty;
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  - 29           (2) Bringing civic, political, and faith leaders together  
30           to foster greater mutual understanding, respect, and  
31           cooperation; and



1 (3) Promoting the aloha spirit of religious freedom  
2 internationally;

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii's 2008 Festival, one of many being planned  
7 around the world, will be held in July; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
12 recognizes July as "Religious Freedom Month in Hawaii"; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages  
15 religious freedom among all of Hawaii's people; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Senior Pastor of the  
19 Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.  
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