
HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROMOTING HAWAII AS THE WORLD'S INTERFAITH HARMONY CAPITAL.

1 WHEREAS, much of the violence in the world arises out of
2 religious conflict; and

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4 WHEREAS, religious conflict is often the result of
5 inadequate understanding of other religions; and

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7 WHEREAS, an effective means for minimizing misunderstanding
8 between religions is to promote open channels of communication
9 between religious faiths; and

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11 WHEREAS, the "aloha spirit" is recognized as an important
12 aspect of the Hawaiian culture and arises from the concepts of
13 understanding and acceptance; and

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15 WHEREAS, the "aloha spirit" has allowed various interfaith
16 religious groups to promote dialogue and activities in a free
17 and open manner and to draw participation from a broad base
18 transcending religious faiths; and

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20 WHEREAS, because of the "aloha spirit", Hawaii is uniquely
21 qualified to serve as a role model for the acceptance and
22 promotion of interfaith religious activities; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2008, that Hawaii should be promoted as the world's
27 Interfaith Harmony Capital; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii serve as a role model
30 for interfaith relations and host activities seeking to develop
31 and promote interfaith relations; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the All Believers Network, a
34 non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Hawaii, is
35 requested to establish the statewide interfaith steering
36 committee consisting of representatives from the various



1 religious and interfaith organizations and groups in Hawaii,
 2 including but not limited to: Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity,
 3 Church Women United, Confucianism, Daoism, Hawaiian
 4 Spirituality, Hinduism, Islam, Knights of Columbus, Jainism,
 5 Judaism, Mokichi Okada Association, Native Americans, Church of
 6 Perfect Liberty, Quakers, Risshio Kosei Kai, the Salvation Army,
 7 Seichi-No Ie, Shinnyo-En, Shinto, Sikhism, Sufism, Unitarian
 8 Universalism, Unity, Zoroastrianism, All Believers Network, the
 9 Interfaith Alliance, and the Open Table; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the statewide
 12 interfaith steering committee are requested to select a
 13 chairperson from amongst its members; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
 16 the purpose of the statewide interfaith steering committee be to
 17 develop and promote interfaith activities to further relations
 18 between various religious faiths; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statewide interfaith
 21 steering committee is requested to explore the possibility of
 22 organizing a major international interfaith conference in Hawaii
 23 to take place by 2011; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
 26 statewide interfaith steering committee be terminated on
 27 June 30, 2011; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 30 Resolution be transmitted to the interfaith steering committee
 31 at 781 Eleele Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, which is in turn
 32 requested to transmit copies to representatives of each of the
 33 faiths and organizations listed in this Resolution.

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