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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-  
MUNICIPALITY RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF  
HAWAII OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF SARRAT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and  
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6           WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii  
7 has established a number of sister state-province and state-  
8 municipality agreements with provinces and cities in the Pacific  
9 region; and  
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11           WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the  
12 United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines,  
13 there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international  
14 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both  
15 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves  
16 the common interests of both countries; and  
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18           WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the  
19 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and  
20 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with  
21 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the  
22 Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city  
23 relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the  
24 City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and  
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26           WHEREAS, similar state-province relationships exist between  
27 the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte,  
28 Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and  
29 communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of  
30 business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports,  
31 health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor;  
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1 WHEREAS, a similar sister state-municipality relationship  
 2 would reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding  
 3 and mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State  
 4 of Hawaii and the Municipality of Sarrat, located in the  
 5 Province of Ilocos Norte and the birthplace of former Philippine  
 6 President Ferdinand E. Marcos; now, therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 10 Session of 2008, that Governor Linda Lingle of the State of  
 11 Hawaii, or her designee, is requested to take all necessary  
 12 actions to establish a state-municipality affiliation with the  
 13 Municipality of Sarrat in the Province of Ilocos Norte in the  
 14 Republic of the Philippines; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor or her designee is  
 17 requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully  
 18 informed of the process in establishing the relationship and  
 19 involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Sarrat in  
 22 the Province of Ilocos Norte be afforded the privileges and  
 23 honors that Hawaii extends to its sister provinces and cities;  
 24 and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by June 30, 2012, the sister  
 27 state-city affiliation with the Municipality of Sarrat in the  
 28 Province of Ilocos Norte has not reached a sustainable basis by  
 29 providing mutual economic benefits through local community  
 30 support, the affiliation shall be withdrawn; and

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 33 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 34 the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the United  
 35 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
 36 Representatives, Hawaii's congressional delegation, the  
 37 President of the Republic of the Philippines through its  
 38 Honolulu Consulate General, the Governor and Provincial Board of  
 39 the Province of Ilocos Norte, and the Mayor of the Municipality  
 40 of Sarrat, Republic of the Philippines.

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