
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTEMBER 2ND OF EVERY YEAR AS
QUEEN LILIU`OKALANI'S BIRTHDAY IN THE STATE OF HAWAII, A
NON-STATE HOLIDAY, AND COMMEMORATING QUEEN LILIU`OKALANI
FOR HER OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO HER PEOPLE IN
THE FACE OF OPPRESSION.

1 WHEREAS, there is a great need to promote and cultivate
2 peace and civility in Hawaii, the United States, and the world;
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4 WHEREAS, Queen Liliu`okalani was a remarkable individual in
5 Hawaii's history, a brave individual who exemplified the highest
6 qualities and characteristics of a world leader of peace during
7 her reign as the last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii,
8 until the eventual illegal overthrow of her monarchy on January
9 17, 1893; and
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11 WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 103-150, commonly referred to as
12 the Apology Resolution, cited many of the historical
13 circumstances that led to Queen Liliu`okalani's overthrow,
14 including her noble act of peacefully yielding authority and
15 control of Hawaii to the United States in protest to prevent the
16 potential bloodshed of her people and her faith that reason and
17 the rule of law would prevail among U.S. leaders in the
18 restoration of her throne; and
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20 WHEREAS, Queen Liliu`okalani's resolve and commitment to
21 her people is something that leaders of today should all aspire
22 to emulate, particularly in light of the need to address the
23 many challenges that face the people of Hawaii today; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of Hawaii annually
26 commemorate Queen Liliu`okalani's birthday, to honor her, and to
27 educate residents and visitors alike about her life and the
28 importance of cultivating peace, and to ensure that her story is
29 never forgotten; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



1 Session of 2008, that this body officially recognizes and
 2 acknowledges September 2nd of every year as Queen
 3 Liliu`okalani's Birthday in the State of Hawaii, a non-state
 4 holiday, and commemorates Queen Liliu`okalani for her
 5 outstanding courage and dedication to her people in the face of
 6 oppression; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes and
 9 commends ongoing efforts of groups such as the Hawaii Pono`i
 10 Coalition, Queen Liliu`okalani Children's Center, Friends of
 11 Iolani Palace, PU`A Foundation, American Friends Service
 12 Committee, Native Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawaii, and many
 13 others who continue to speak in support of educational efforts
 14 aimed at establishing a truthful and current understanding of
 15 Queen Liliu`okalani's life, sacrifice, and contributions to the
 16 Native Hawaiian people and the history of Hawaii's past related
 17 to the wrongful overthrow and illegal annexation of the Kingdom
 18 of Hawaii to the United States.

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 20 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's
 22 Congressional delegation, Hawaii Pono`i Coalition, Queen
 23 Liliu`okalani Children's Center, Friends of Iolani Palace, PU`A
 24 Foundation, American Friends Service Committee, and Native
 25 Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawaii.

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