HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 72

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 2 3	WHEREAS, there is a great need to promote and cultivate peace and civility in Hawaii, the United States, and the world;
4 5	WHEREAS, Queen Liliu`okalani was a remarkable individual in Hawaii's history, a brave individual who exemplified the highest
6 7 8	qualities and characteristics of a world leader of peace during her reign as the last ruling monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii, until the eventual illegal overthrow of her monarchy on January
9	17, 1893; and
10 11	WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 103-150, commonly referred to as
12 13	the Apology Resolution, cited many of the historical circumstances that led to Queen Liliu 'okalani's overthrow,
14	including her noble act of peacefully yielding authority and
15 16	control of Hawaii to the United States in protest to prevent the 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 19	restoration of her throne; and
20	WHEREAS, Queen Liliu'okalani's resolve and commitment to
21 22	her people is something that leaders of today should all aspire to emulate, particularly in light of the need to address the
23	many challenges that face the people of Hawaii today; and
24 25	WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of Hawaii annually
26	commemorate Queen Liliu 'okalani's birthday, to honor her, and to
27 28	educate residents and visitors alike about her life and the importance of cultivating peace, and to ensure that her story is
20 29 30	never forgotten; now, therefore,
31	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32	Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular

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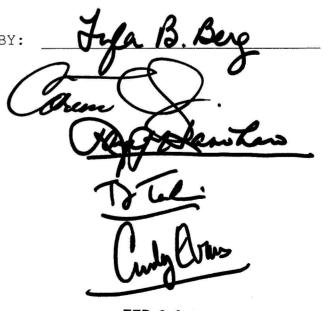
Session of 2008, that this body officially recognizes and
 acknowledges September 2nd of every year as Queen
 Liliu`okalani's Birthday in the State of Hawaii, a non-state
 holiday, and commemorates Queen Liliu`okalani for her
 outstanding courage and dedication to her people in the face of
 oppression;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

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

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

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