The Senate
State of Hawaii

RECOGNIZES THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, "the people of Hawai'i believe that public officers and employees must exhibit the highest standards of ethical conduct" (Hawai'i Constitution, Article XIV); and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1968, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission began operations by virtue of legislation passed into law in 1967 for the purpose of furthering the highest standards of ethical conduct by state officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission is distinguished as the first ethics commission created at the state level of government in the United States, a fact that demonstrates the State of Hawai'i's initiative, leadership, and dedication to the principle of good government; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission has pursued its mandate without waiver, and has fostered governmental ethics nationally and internationally as one of founders of the Council on Governmental Ethics, which, since its inception more than thirty years ago, has become the pre-eminent entity for promoting government integrity throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, for the past forty years, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission has fulfilled its mission to promote ethics in government by issuing advice, enforcing standards of conduct laws, and educating the people of the State of Hawai'i, state officials, and state employees regarding governmental ethics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i hereby commends and congratulates the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission on the occasion of its 40th anniversary in 2008 for its dedication to building and fostering public confidence in the ethical conduct of government officials.

Done this 1st day of JANUARY 2008

State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii

Sponsoring Senator

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

The 24th Legislature

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