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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ULUPALAKUA RANCH FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP AWARD.

1           WHEREAS, Ulupalakua Ranch is a cattle ranch on the  
2 southwestern slopes of the Haleakala Volcano on the Island of  
3 Maui in the State of Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the geological formation of the land beneath the  
6 Ulupalakua Ranch enables the ranch today to be the home of many  
7 ecosystems of dry land forests, which include ten listed  
8 endangered species and many other extremely rare species of  
9 endemic and indigenous Hawaiian flora and fauna; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the combinations of soil types, rainfall  
12 differentials, ecological zones, ecological history, and human  
13 introduction have led to a large variety of foliage cover, with  
14 the dominant cover being kikyu grass from Africa; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the lower elevations of the ranch are covered with  
17 buffle, guinea, and green panic, and many varieties of legumes  
18 are present on the property with white clover being the most  
19 well known and glycine tinaru becoming the most common; and  
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21           WHEREAS, along with the native dry land trees the ranch  
22 contains a large variety of introduced trees such as eucalyptus,  
23 mesquite, and black wattle, to name a few; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the ranch has a long history of managing its land  
26 resources in a well balanced manner, being mindful of the needs  
27 of balancing its production agricultural operations, the  
28 recreational wildlife, and the native flora and fauna on the  
29 property; and  
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31           WHEREAS, along with the rare and endangered native species  
32 on the property there are exotic axis deer, turkey, pheasant,  
33 francolin partridge (two varieties), chuckar partridge,  
34 peacocks, doves, quail, feral pigs, and feral goats; and



1 WHEREAS, Ulupalakua Ranch practices rotational grazing to  
2 have positive effect on the economics, pasture quality, soil  
3 retention, and wildlife of the ranch; and

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5 WHEREAS, rotational grazing has also resulted in better  
6 management of water resources, better management of pasture  
7 quality and cover which leads to greater soil retention and  
8 increased wildlife habitat, and better protection of native  
9 flora and fauna from invasive species and fire; and

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11 WHEREAS, Ulupalakua Ranch believes in restoration of the  
12 native plants and will continue its efforts to enhance the  
13 sustainability of the mineral and water cycle on the property;  
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16 WHEREAS, the ranch's reforestation efforts have led to  
17 increase water flow in its catchment and seep water, resulting  
18 in extending the availability of water in times of drought; and

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20 WHEREAS, the ranch is well aware that its reforestation  
21 efforts will have long-term sustainability consequences, and  
22 aware that the native trees have evolved in a climate of the  
23 ranch are more sustainable; and

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25 WHEREAS, the ranch partners with numerous organizations to  
26 help preserve the native flora on the property, including the  
27 United States Department of Fish and Wildlife Service, the  
28 United States Department of Geological Services Biological  
29 Resource Division, the United States Department of Agriculture  
30 Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Hawaii State  
31 Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ducks Unlimited,  
32 Nature Conservancy, Native Hawaiian Plant Society, and the  
33 Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership; and

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35 WHEREAS, the most ambitious partnership that the ranch has  
36 entered into is with the Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration  
37 Project to reforest thousands of acres on the southwestern  
38 slopes of Haleakala for the purposes of restoring the fragile  
39 habitat, which greatly enhances the sustainability of Ulupalakua  
40 Ranch for generations to come; and

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42 WHEREAS, Ulupalakua Ranch received the Hawaii Environmental  
43 Stewardship Award from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and has



1 been nominated for the same award at the national level; now,  
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature expresses  
7 its support for Ulupalakua Ranch for the Environmental  
8 Stewardship Award given by the National Cattlemen's Beef  
9 Association; and

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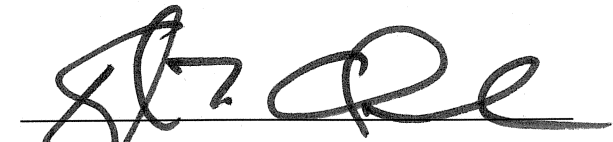
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the National Cattlemen's  
13 Beef Association, Ulupalakua Ranch, Mayor of the Maui County,  
14 and Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

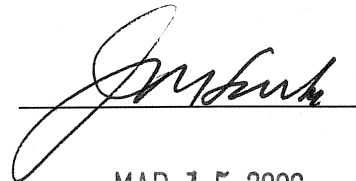
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