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SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
7 expresses 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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