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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF CREATING A MONUMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM OF HAWAII IN COLLABORATION WITH HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATIONS, RESPECTED KUPUNA IN THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i, an archipelago of Pacific
2 islands, once was known as the respected Kingdom of Hawai'i; and
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4 WHEREAS, the archipelago of Pacific islands were previously
5 separate chiefdoms ruled by hereditary High Chiefs, or "Ali'i
6 Nui"; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Pacific island chiefdoms were first unified
9 into the Kingdom of Hawai'i during the late 18th century through
10 conquest by the great warrior chief who became its first ruling
11 monarch, known as King Kamehameha the Great, and whose subjects,
12 the native Hawaiian population, came to be known as, "Ka Lahui
13 Hawai'i" or "The Citizens of the Kingdom and Nation of Hawai'i";
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16 WHEREAS, "Ka Lahui Hawai'i" or "The Citizens of the Nation
17 of Hawai'i", according to the creation chant, called the
18 "Kumulipo", were the descendants of the ancient ones who it was
19 said emerged from the depths of "endless darkness" or "Pouli",
20 into the world of "Ao" or "light", as did all other forms of
21 earthly life; and
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23 WHEREAS, the "Citizens of the Kingdom and Nation of
24 Hawai'i" welcomed newcomers to its island shores, who brought
25 the "Light of Knowledge" that aided the Kingdom of Hawai'i's
26 rulers and native citizenry to emerge from "Intellectual
27 Darkness" or "Na'au Po" into the "Light of Knowledge" or "Na'au
28 Ao" of the rest of the recognized known world, so that the
29 Kingdom of Hawai'i became the most educated nation west of the
30 Appalachian Mountain range of the United States in the 19th
31 century; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawai'i and its enlightened ruling
2 monarchs and "Citizens of the Nation of Hawai'i" or "Ka Lahui
3 Hawai'i", as a result of increased enlightenment, became
4 recognized throughout the known civilized world by the many and
5 varied leading nations and governments of the 18th and 19th
6 centuries; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawai'i enjoyed the respect and
9 benefits that came with "Most Favored Nation" status through
10 treaties negotiated with the many various leading world
11 governments of the time, which imparted respect for and
12 acceptance of the Kingdom of Hawai'i as a member in the league
13 of leading nations of that time; and

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15 WHEREAS, respect for the Kingdom of Hawai'i, in turn,
16 brought honor and respect to all of its citizens, native-blooded
17 Hawaiian or non-native alike, who had sworn allegiance, not only
18 to His Majesty, King Kamehameha the Great, but to his royal
19 lineal descendants, namely, Kamehameha II, III, IV, and V, and
20 later to the last three succeeding monarchs of the Kingdom of
21 Hawai'i, who ruled in succession as King Lunalilo, followed by
22 King Kalakaua who established the "Kalakaua Dynasty", and his
23 designated successor, his sister, Queen Lili'uokalani; and

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25 WHEREAS, recognition of the Kingdom and Nation of Hawai'i
26 and its ruling monarchs, in particular, King Kalakaua and Queen
27 Lili'uokalani, enjoyed the personal recognition of renowned
28 world government leaders and rulers, such as the Presidents of
29 the United States, Queen Victoria of Great Britain, Emperor
30 Mutsuhito of Imperial Japan, the Empress of China, and many more
31 too numerous to mention; and

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33 WHEREAS, this former Pacific Island nation, known as the
34 Kingdom of Hawai'i, and successor governments, including the
35 Territory of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i, have installed
36 monuments honoring various persons of importance to Hawaiian
37 history, including statues of King Kamehameha the Great, King
38 Kalakaua and his wife, Queen Kapi'olani, Queen Lili'uokalani,
39 Catholic Priest, Father Damien, as well as statues of Robert
40 Kalanihiapo Wilcox and Prince Kuhio; and



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 2 WHEREAS, a monument that pays tribute to and memorializes
 3 the valued contributions of the ruling Ali'i nobility of the
 4 Kingdom of Hawai'i and its native Hawaiian citizenry will
 5 contribute to a better understanding of the native culture,
 6 language, and history of its indigenous people or "Kanaka Maoli"
 7 not only for our current resident citizenry, but for newcomers
 8 and visitors alike; and
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10 WHEREAS, this monument to the Citizens of the Kingdom and
 11 nation of Hawai'i will serve as a lasting memorial of honor and
 12 prestige to "The Ancestors", or "Na Kupuna", of today's native
 13 Hawaiian citizenry of the State of Hawai'i, as well as to those
 14 citizens of the Kingdom and Nation of Hawai'i who were not
 15 native-blooded Hawaiians, but who had sworn allegiance to the
 16 Crown and Kingdom of Hawai'i; and
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18 WHEREAS, this monument to the citizens of the former
 19 Kingdom and Nation of Hawai'i can become a "Touchstone of Pride
 20 and Respect" for all of today's Kama'aina who can trace their
 21 lineage to those who counted themselves as citizens of the
 22 former Kingdom and Nation of Hawai'i; and
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24 WHEREAS, the inspiration for the proposed monument came to
 25 the celebrated native Hawaiian composer, musician, historian,
 26 and author, Palani Vaughan, in 2003 on the 'Iolani Palace
 27 grounds, while he prepared to participate in the observance of
 28 the 110th anniversary of the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani;
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31 WHEREAS, the proposed monument would include a complex of
 32 building structures that would function as a genealogical,
 33 historical, archival, and cultural learning center; and
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35 WHEREAS, this complex of building structures could also
 36 function as a forum for assemblies to discuss, debate, and
 37 resolve issues of importance to Hawaiians today and into the
 38 future, as did the Council of Chiefs in the time of *Kamehameha*,
 39 or as did the Hawaiian Legislature under our constitutional
 40 monarchs of Hawai'i; and



1 WHEREAS, this monument to the citizens of the Kingdom of
2 Hawai'i can be constructed by Hawaiian building masters using
3 Hawaiian building arts and materials from all parts of the
4 island; and

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6 WHEREAS, in the future, identical monuments can be erected
7 on each island, so that, like the *heiau* of ancient times, these
8 proposed Neighbor Island monuments can interconnect the
9 individual spirits of our *kama'aina* ancestors and their living
10 descendants with those of the primary monument in Honolulu; and

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12 WHEREAS, these monuments, when erected on all the islands,
13 can bring Hawaiians together in unity with aloha to consider and
14 debate the shape of the Hawaiian government as it moves into the
15 future; and

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17 WHEREAS, this monument can be an aesthetic and spiritual
18 attraction for *kama'aina*, newcomers, and visitors alike; now,
19 therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
24 Affairs is urged to convene a task force to consider the merits
25 of creating a monument to the citizens of the Kingdom of Hawai'i
26 for the people of Hawaii; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force include Palani
29 Vaughan, a representative from the Department of Land and
30 Natural Resources, respected *kupuna* in the Hawaiian community,
31 and representatives from appropriate Hawaiian organizations,
32 such as the Royal Order of Kamehameha, State Council of Hawaiian
33 Homestead Associations, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,
34 Kamehameha Schools, Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program of
35 the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's
36 Center, and Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force consider
39 possible locations for the monument, such as the area where
40 Halekauwila, Keawe, and Pohukaina Streets converge, taking into
41 consideration the *kaona* or symbolic meanings of selected
42 locations as with *Halekauwila St.* being the name of the *hale*
43 built by Chiefess *Kina'u* for King *Kamehameha III's* pregnant
44 sister, *Nahi'ena'ena*, as a sacred birthing place, the *kauwila*

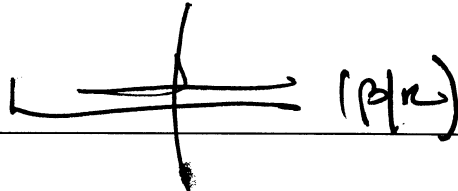


1 wood used in the rafters of this structure purportedly coming
 2 from *Ka Hale o Keawe*, the mausoleum that once had stood in the
 3 "City of Refuge" in Honaunau, Hawai'i Island, before the
 4 destruction of the *heiau*, or *Keawe* as a reference to *Ka Hale o*
 5 *Keawe*, or *Pohukaina* as the area where King *Kamehameha III* made
 6 his encampment with his retinue and court while he awaited the
 7 birth of his sister's child; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
 10 findings to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
 11 the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 15 Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson of
 16 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Palani Vaughan, Royal
 17 Order of Kamehameha, State Council of Hawaiian Homestead
 18 Associations, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kamehameha
 19 Schools, Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program of the Bernice
 20 Pauahi Bishop Museum, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, and
 21 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

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