HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII KAI COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH A KA IWI SHORELINE ADVISORY WATCH.

WHEREAS, the Ka Iwi shoreline is one of the most pristine and important areas in East Honolulu and holds historic significance to Native Hawaiians and others alike; and

WHEREAS, in the past the Ka Iwi shoreline was once the site of an ancient Hawaiian village called Wawamalu and was famous for growing yams and sweet potatoes to restock whaling ships; and

WHEREAS, the Ka Iwi shoreline was used as a strategic area to the Army during World War II as a look-out point to scan for Japanese planes and warships; and

WHEREAS, there are still foundations of buildings that housed Coast Guard members who tended to the Makapuu Lighthouse; and

WHEREAS, many tourists and locals travel to the Ka Iwi shoreline every year for its natural untouched beauty and whale watching; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, developers have tried to gain building permits to construct cabins and recreation centers on the Ka Iwi shoreline; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents from Hawaii Kai attended a Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting in 2006 to protest prospective development on Henry J. Kaiser's last remaining undeveloped parcel of land near Ka Iwi State Park; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Hawaii Kai's beautiful waterfront has been bombarded with so many developments that traffic has

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severely worsened, and there is virtually no more open space except for Ka Iwi; and

WHEREAS, several recent developments have blocked mountain views, ocean views, tradewinds, and even left a massive black scar on one of the surrounding mountains in Hawaii Kai; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests Hawaii Kai community groups and other interested community groups to form a Ka Iwi shoreline advisory watch coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ka Iwi shoreline advisory watch coalition should periodically report to, or alert as necessary, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board and the Legislature on any potential project developments planned for, or being discussed for, the Ka Iwi shoreline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Sierra Club, Hawaii Kai Hui, Save Sandy Beach Coalition, Ka Iwi Coalition, Mariners Ridge Community Association, Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association, Hawaii Kai Boat Club, Malama Maunalua Bay, Hawaii Kai Lions Club, Hawaii Kai Rotary Club, East Honolulu Breakfast Club, Hawaii Kai Shopping Center management, Koko Marina Shopping Center management, Hawaii Towne Center management, and the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board.

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