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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO HONOR JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī BY DECLARING
AUGUST 3, 2007, AS JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī DAY.

1 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was a leading citizen of the
2 Hawaiian kingdom during the nineteenth century. Born in
3 Waipi'o, O'ahu, on August 3, 1800, and raised under the
4 traditional kapu system, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was trained from
5 earliest childhood for a life of service to the high chiefs;
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8 WHEREAS, at the age of ten he was taken to Honolulu by
9 his uncle Papa, a kahu, or attendant, of Kamehameha I, to
10 become a companion and personal attendant to Liholiho, later
11 King Kamehameha II; and
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13 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was close to Liholiho during the
14 young heir's instruction in the conduct of government and
15 ancient religious rites; and
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17 WHEREAS, after the death of Liholiho, 'Ī'Ī continued to
18 serve the rulers of Hawaii, and throughout his life he was in
19 constant contact with the political, religious, and social
20 concerns of the court; and
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22 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was among the first Hawaiians to
23 study reading and writing with the missionaries, yet although
24 he adopted Christian teachings, he retained a profound love
25 and respect for the culture of his ancestors; and
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27 WHEREAS, among his many duties, 'Ī'Ī served as a general
28 superintendent of Oahu schools and was an influential member
29 in the court of Kamehameha III; and
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31 WHEREAS, in 1842, he was appointed by the King to the
32 Treasury Board, served as a member of the Privy Council, and
33 in 1845, was appointed to the Board of Land Commissioners; and
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S.C.R. NO. 65

1 WHEREAS, in 1852, 'Ī'i represented the House of Nobles in
 2 the drafting of the Constitution, and he served from 1846 to
 3 1864 as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii;
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 6 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'i died in 1870, after a long and
 7 distinguished career; and

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 9 WHEREAS, he left a first-hand account chronicled in
 10 "Fragments of Hawaiian History", which describes life under
 11 Kamehameha, through his personal experiences and descriptions of
 12 the pattern of Hawaiian culture during a period of great
 13 significance in the history of the Hawaiian Kingdom; now,
 14 therefore,

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 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
 18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is urged
 19 to declare August 3, 2007, as John Papa 'Ī'i Day, in honor of
 20 his long service to the people of Hawaii; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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