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## SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THE NAME "PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE  
NATIONAL MONUMENT".

1 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush by Proclamation 8031 of  
2 June 15, 2006, established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands  
3 Marine National Monument; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the President in his proclamation described the  
6 diverse ecosystem of the approximately one thousand two hundred  
7 nautical-mile stretch of coral islands, seamounts, banks, and  
8 shoals that he wished to protect; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the proclamation also described the area's great  
11 cultural significance to native Hawaiians and its connection to  
12 early Polynesian culture; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the President stated that officials would consult  
15 with native Hawaiians to give the monument a native Hawaiian  
16 name; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Native Hawaiian  
19 Cultural Working Group (cultural working group) consists of  
20 members with extensive involvement in those islands and includes  
21 cultural practitioners, community activists, academic scholars,  
22 teachers, and resource managers; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the cultural working group requested two  
25 distinguished kūpuna, specifically, Uncle Buzzy Agard and Aunt  
26 Pua Kanahale, to suggest names for the Monument; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Uncle Buzzy and Aunt Pua offered names, as did  
29 native Hawaiian representatives from the Kamakakūokalani, the  
30 University of Hawaii Center for Hawaiian Studies, and the United  
31 States Department of the Interior's Office of Hawaiian  
32 Relations; and  
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34 WHEREAS, at Washington Place in Honolulu on March 2, 2007,  
35 First Lady Laura Bush, following a collaborative effort among



1 federal agencies, state agencies including the Department of  
2 Land and Natural Resources, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve  
3 Commission, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Cultural  
4 Working Group, announced the monument's Hawaiian name,  
5 Papahānaumokuākea, and on that day President Bush amended his  
6 Proclamation 8031 to change the title of the monument to  
7 Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

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9 WHEREAS, the name Papahānaumokuākea is filled with meaning  
10 and tradition, including reference to the genealogy and  
11 formation of the Hawaiian archipelago, all of which strengthens  
12 Hawaii's cultural foundation within significant elements of our  
13 past through native Hawaiian ancestors, and expresses our hopes  
14 for Papahānaumokuākea to provide spiritual inspiration and  
15 perpetuation of our natural and cultural resources; and

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17 WHEREAS, the naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian  
18 name is an important and sacred component of traditional  
19 Hawaiian culture; and

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21 WHEREAS, article XV, section 4 of the Hawaii State  
22 Constitution makes English and Hawaiian the official languages  
23 of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
27 that residents, government agencies, and private organizations  
28 of the United States and Hawaii are encouraged to refer to the  
29 monument by its official new name, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine  
30 National Monument; and

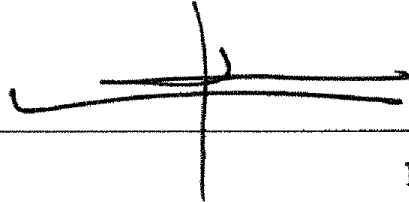
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
34 the First Lady of the United States, the President of the United  
35 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
36 Representatives, the Governor, the President of the Senate of  
37 the State of Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
38 of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of



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1 Honolulu, the Mayor of the County of Kauai, the Mayor of the  
2 County of Maui, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and the  
3 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian  
4 Affairs.  
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By Request

