
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO SET ASIDE
STATE-OWNED LAND AT 6091 KALANIANA'OLE HIGHWAY AS "PRESIDENT
BARACK OBAMA BIRTHPLACE STATE PARK."

1 WHEREAS, the birth announcement for President Barack Obama,
2 Jr., born August 4th, 1961, in Honolulu, lists his first
3 residence as a house at 6085 Kalaniana'ole Highway near Kuli'ou'ou
4 Road; and

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6 WHEREAS, Barack Obama, Jr. spent most of his childhood and
7 adolescent years in Honolulu, developing a character and
8 intellect that includes a sense of aloha, an appreciation of
9 multiculturalism, and an enlightened world view; and

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11 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama stated that, "What's best
12 in me, and what's best in my message, is consistent with the
13 tradition of Hawai'i", and First Lady Michelle Obama has said,
14 "You can't really understand Barack until you understand
15 Hawai'i"; and

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17 WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school and moving from
18 Hawai'i, Barack Obama, Jr. has maintained close ties with his
19 home state, visiting resident family members and friends on a
20 nearly annual basis to re-experience island life as a kama'aina;
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23 WHEREAS, the people of Hawai'i, inspired and proud that one
24 of their own could aspire to become president of the United
25 States, cast 71 percent of their presidential ballots for this
26 keiki o ka'aina, making Hawai'i the state with the greatest Obama
27 victory margin in the nation; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State owns a 4,124 square foot parcel of land
2 adjacent to the first home of the 44th President of the United
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, this historic site is on the route to several East
6 O'ahu attractions, including two that President Obama
7 particularly enjoys--Hanauma Bay and Sandy Beach--as well as the
8 solemn site where he scattered the ashes of his late mother in
9 1995 and his grandmother in 2008; and

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11 WHEREAS, the site is passed by tens of thousands of
12 residents and visitors every day; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
17 Natural Resources is urged to set aside state-owned land at 6091
18 Kalaniana'ole Highway (TMK 3-8-003:055) as "President Barack
19 Obama Birthplace State Park"; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
22 approve this designation by executive order as provided by law;
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
27 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY:

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