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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE HAWAIIAN INTERNATIONAL  
BILLFISH TOURNAMENT ON ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii is blessed with remarkable natural  
2 resources and magnificent landscapes that attract sportsmen and  
3 sportswomen from around the world to our islands to participate  
4 in competitive sporting events; and  
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6           WHEREAS, anglers worldwide will converge on the Kona Coast  
7 of the Big Island for five action-packed days of tough,  
8 competitive fishing in search of prized Pacific blue marlin and  
9 a chance to capture the HAWAIIAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH  
10 TOURNAMENT'S prestigious Governor's trophy; and  
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12           WHEREAS, under the guidance of founder Peter S. Fithian,  
13 the HAWAIIAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT has earned its  
14 iconic status in big-game fishing circles as the "grandfather"  
15 of all big game fishing tournaments; and  
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17           WHEREAS, this year marks the Golden Anniversary of this  
18 elite fishing event and in celebration of this milestone, the  
19 tournament organizers will expand its registration capacity to  
20 50 teams, including those from Australia, Japan, Bermuda,  
21 Portugal, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Tahiti,  
22 and the United States; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the HAWAIIAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT is  
25 based upon honor, prestige, and strict adherence to  
26 International Game Fish Association rules, including tag and  
27 release to promote conservation; and  
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29           WHEREAS, this noteworthy and exhilarating tournament  
30 represents the best that Hawaii has to offer for fishing  
31 enthusiasts; now, therefore,



