
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY GROUP PLANNING THE
CREATION OF A MONUMENT TO HONOR QUEEN KA`AHUMANU IN OR NEAR
HANA, MAUI.

1 WHEREAS, various Pacific island chiefdoms were first
2 unified into the Kingdom of Hawai`i during the late 18th century
3 through conquest by the warrior who became the Kingdom's first
4 ruling monarch, known as King Kamehameha the Great, or
5 Kamehemaha I; and
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7 WHEREAS, following the death of Kamehameha I in 1819, Queen
8 Ka`ahumanu, his first and favorite wife and close advisor,
9 became in effect the kuhina nui (co-ruler) of the Kingdom
10 together with the heir to the throne, Prince Liholiho (King
11 Kamehameha II); and
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13 WHEREAS, upon the death of Liholiho in 1824 and the
14 succession of Liholiho's younger brother Kauikeaouli (Kamehemeha
15 III) to the throne, Queen Ka`ahumanu in effect ruled the Kingdom
16 as regent during the early years of Kauikeaouli's reign; and
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18 WHEREAS, Queen Ka`ahumanu was a forceful person who exerted
19 great impact, influence, and power during much of the Kingdom's
20 existence, as an advisor and co-leader with kings, as a free-
21 spirited challenger of traditional kapu, and as a catalyst and
22 shaper of the evolving relationship between ancient Hawaiian and
23 more recently arrived Christian beliefs, morals, and
24 spirituality; and
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26 WHEREAS, Queen Ka`ahumanu was born around 1770 of
27 Ke`eaumoku and Namahana in the cave at Pu`u Ka`uiki, near Hana
28 on the island of Maui and taken as an infant to Heaiu Kaniomoku
29 at Hana; and



1 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawai`i, and successor governments,
2 including the Territory of Hawai`i and the State of Hawai`i,
3 have built monuments honoring persons of importance in Hawaiian
4 history, including King Kamehameha the Great, King Kalakaua,
5 Queen Kapi`olani, Queen Lili`uokalani, Father Damien, Robert
6 Kalanihiapo Wilcox, and Prince Kuhio; and

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8 WHEREAS, although a statue of Queen Ka`ahumanu already
9 exists at the Queen Ka`ahumanu Center in Kahului, Maui, a
10 monument to the Queen at or near Hana, Maui, the area of her
11 birth, paying tribute to and memorializing her valued
12 contributions to the Kingdom of Hawai`i and the history of
13 Hawai`i, would be appropriate and would benefit our current
14 residents and visitors alike; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that state agencies, private
19 businesses, and the community organizations are requested to
20 cooperate with and support the community group planning the
21 creation of a monument to honor Queen Ka`ahumanu in or near
22 Hana, Maui; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
25 Natural Resources is requested to assist the community group in
26 locating and setting aside an appropriate piece of public land
27 for the placement of the Queen Kaahumanu monument; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
31 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
32 Affairs, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
33 President of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Presidents of
34 Chapters I and XI of the `Ahahui Ka`ahumanu Society, Chairperson
35 of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations,
36 President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,
37 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha Schools,
38 Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program of the Bishop Museum,
39 President of the Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center, and
40 President of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

