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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR THE KOLOA COMMUNITY HAPA TRAIL
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE HAPA
TRAIL IN PERPETUITY.

1 WHEREAS, state historic properties that are over fifty
2 years old and deemed to be significant, are inventoried and
3 assigned state site numbers, and the Hapa Road on Kauai is one
4 of 180,000 historic properties that have been assigned a site
5 number; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Hapa Road served as the main thoroughfare
8 between the inland community of Koloa and Hanakaape Bay, the
9 third largest seaport in nineteenth century Hawaii, where goods
10 from abroad arrived and from which fresh food, water, stores,
11 sugar, hides, lumber, and produce were exported; and

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13 WHEREAS, in 1972, the Hapa Road landowner petitioned to
14 have the land reclassified from agricultural and open to resort
15 and commercial uses, and the State and county maintained the
16 Hapa Road as a dedicated pedestrian and bike path; and

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18 WHEREAS, Koloa Plantation Days were first celebrated in
19 1985 to commemorate the historic and economic importance of the
20 sugar industry to the State; and

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22 WHEREAS, since 1985, the Hapa Road Walk has initiated the
23 week-long festivities of the sugar plantation heritage of Koloa
24 and is an integral part of the celebration of the Koloa
25 Plantation Days; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Hapa Road was re-designated as the
28 Hapa Trail by the County of Kauai for the purposes of historic
29 preservation; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Koloa Community Hapa Trail Volunteers have
32 established as their goal the preservation and perpetuation of
33 the ancient history of agriculture in the ahupuaa of Koloa and
34 Weliweli, including the Koloa archaeological field system that
35 lies between Haupu Range and the Poipu-Kukuiula coastline which



1 held, until 1975, the richest of all remaining archaeological
2 agricultural sites in the State and the most advanced example of
3 agricultural practices and production in ancient Polynesia; and
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5 WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2010, the Koloa Community Hapa Trail
6 Volunteers have devoted personal time, effort, equipment, and
7 materials to the maintenance of the Hapa Trail; and
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9 WHEREAS, one of the most significant features of the Hapa
10 Trail is the moss rock stonewalls lining 1.2 miles of the
11 length, and which since the designation as a historic site and
12 pedestrian and bike path, has been slowly dismantled and
13 destroyed; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
17 that the State Historic Preservation Division is requested to
18 assist the Koloa Community Hapa Trail Volunteers in their
19 restoration and preservation of the Hapa Trail in perpetuity;
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation
23 Division is requested to assist the Koloa Community Hapa Trail
24 Volunteers with their efforts to ensure the restoration and
25 preservation of the 1.2 miles of stonewalls delineating the Hapa
26 Trail and the maintenance of the surface of the Trail; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
30 Land and Natural Resources, the Administrator of the State
31 Historic Preservation Division, and the President of the Koloa
32 Community Hapa Trail Volunteers.
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OFFERED BY:

