
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING MAUI'S PANIOLO LIVING TREASURES: CHARLES A. KAHALEAUKI SR., CHARLES "CHUNGA" A. KAHALEAUKI JR., FRANCIS NAPUA PO'OUAHI, AND CARL "SOOT" H. BREDHOFF JR., OF KAUPU RANCH; AND MERTON G. KEKIWI SR., OF ULUPALAKUA RANCH.

1 WHEREAS, the legacy of Maui's paniolo is maintained through
2 the dedication and hard work exemplified in the individuals who
3 have committed their lives to ranching and preserving this
4 treasured lifestyle; and

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6 WHEREAS, Maui's paniolo are known for their love of the
7 outdoors and the cowboy way of life, are not afraid of getting
8 their hands dirty, and have become experts in cultivating
9 livestock and preserving ancient traditions such as hoaupipi (a
10 unique method of transferring items from ships to shore without
11 a pier), kaula ili (making rope out of cowhide), and noho lio
12 (the art of Hawaiian saddle making); and

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14 WHEREAS, the history of the paniolo has been revered in the
15 islands since 1793 when Captain George Vancouver of the British
16 Navy presented King Kamehameha I with five black longhorn
17 cattle; and

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19 WHEREAS, King Kamehameha I declared these cattle to be kapu
20 to allow them to procreate and multiply, which led to twenty-
21 five thousand free range cattle roaming the lands along with ten
22 thousand semi-domesticated cattle; and

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24 WHEREAS, with numerous cattle and no one to tend to them,
25 King Kamehameha III sent a high chief to California to bring
26 cowboys back to the islands to teach Hawaiians how to care for
27 cattle and how to handle horses; and

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1 WHEREAS, three Mexican-Spanish vaqueros arrived in Hawaii
2 and soon a local cattle industry was born, with large ranches
3 emerging, including Kaupo and Ulupalakua Ranch on Maui; and
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5 WHEREAS, for decades the paniolo have proved themselves to
6 be exceptional athletes, riders, horse handlers, and cattlemen,
7 who exude a rich tradition of cowboy and ranch culture that is
8 still visible today; and
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10 WHEREAS, Maui's Paniolo Living Treasures know no limits,
11 have years of character instilled in them, have a wild sense of
12 humor to match, and have taken the time and care to pass on
13 their skills, talent, and legacy to the next generation of
14 paniolo; and
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16 WHEREAS, as the embodiment of the paniolo way of life,
17 Charles A. Kahaleauki Sr., Charles "Chunga" A. Kahaleauki Jr.,
18 Francis Napua Po'ouahi, and Carl "Soot" H. Bredhoff Jr., of
19 Kaupo Ranch; and Merton G. Kekiwi Sr., of Ulupalakua Ranch have
20 been recognized as Maui Paniolo Living Treasures; now,
21 therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2011, that this body hereby honors Maui's Paniolo Living
26 Treasures: Charles A. Kahaleauki Sr., Charles "Chunga" A.
27 Kahaleauki Jr., Francis Napua Po'ouahi, and Carl "Soot" H.
28 Bredhoff Jr., of Kaupo Ranch; and Merton G. Kekiwi Sr., of
29 Ulupalakua Ranch, and commends them for their unwavering
30 dedication, exemplary accomplishments, and leadership roles as
31 true Maui Paniolo Living Treasures and the last living paniolo
32 of their kind; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to Charles A. Kahaleauki Sr., Charles
36 "Chunga" A. Kahaleauki Jr., Francis Napua Po'ouahi, and Carl
37 "Soot" H. Bredhoff Jr., of Kaupo Ranch; and Merton G. Kekiwi
38 Sr., of Ulupalakua Ranch.
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