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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING 'A'A AS THE STATE ROCK.

1           WHEREAS, volcanoes have a deep and rich cultural  
2 significance to Native Hawaiians and current residents of the  
3 State; and

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5           WHEREAS, the majesty and beauty of volcanoes, both active  
6 and inactive, are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and

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8           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian islands are volcanic in origin; and

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10          WHEREAS, each Hawaiian island is made up of at least one  
11 primary volcano, although many islands are composites of more  
12 than one volcano; and

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14          WHEREAS, lava rock is expelled by volcanoes during  
15 eruptions; and

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17          WHEREAS, 'A'a is one of three basic types of lava rock and  
18 is characterized by a rough, jagged spinose, and generally  
19 clinkery surface; and

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21          WHEREAS, 'A'a is the rarest of the three types of lava rock;  
22 now, therefore,

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24          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2011, that the Legislature of the State of Hawaii declares  
27 'A'a as the state rock to honor the creation of the State and the  
28 cultural significance thereof; and

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30          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the  
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1 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
2 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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