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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH
MOANALUA GARDENS FOUNDATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING FOR THE USE OF KAMANANUI (MOANALUA) VALLEY
FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PURPOSES.

1 WHEREAS, Kamananui Valley, also known as Moanalua Valley,
2 was obtained by the Department of Land and Natural Resources
3 following the dissolution of the Estate of Samuel Mills Damon in
4 March 2007; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
7 opened Kamananui Valley to the public for educational and
8 recreational purposes in 2008; and

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10 WHEREAS, the pristine three thousand seven hundred acre
11 Kamananui Valley is the last remaining undeveloped ahupua'a in
12 urban Honolulu; and

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14 WHEREAS, as Hawaii becomes more urbanized and open spaces
15 and park areas become less available, many of Hawaii's families
16 and visitors delight in Kamananui Valley's many natural
17 beauties, including wildlife, plants, and cultural artifacts;
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20 WHEREAS, the Moanalua Gardens Foundation was established as
21 a nonprofit organization in 1970 by the granddaughters of Samuel
22 Mills Damon, Frances "Patches" Damon Holt, and Harriet "Haku"
23 Damon Baldwin, to protect Moanalua Gardens and Kamananui Valley
24 from the construction of the H-3 highway and preserve the park's
25 and valley's important historical and cultural sites; and

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27 WHEREAS, the mission of the Moanalua Gardens Foundation is
28 "[t]o preserve and perpetuate the native culture, environment
29 and people of Hawai'i through education, celebration and care for
30 Kamananui Valley and Moanalua Gardens"; and



1 WHEREAS, for over forty years, the Moanalua Gardens
2 Foundation has continued the legacy of Samuel Mills Damon and
3 his granddaughters to protect and preserve Moanalua Gardens and
4 Kamananui Valley; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Moanalua Gardens Foundation has given to the
7 community in other ways, including providing environmental
8 education in Hawaii by teaching its award-winning Partners in
9 Education program to over one hundred thousand public school
10 children and presenting the annual Prince Lot Hula Festival, the
11 largest non-competitive hula festival in Hawaii, at Moanalua
12 Gardens for thirty-four years; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Moanalua Gardens Foundation has stated its
15 sincere interest in partnering with the Department of Land and
16 Natural Resources to help care for Kamananui Valley for the
17 people of Hawaii and to conduct educational and cultural
18 programs in Kamananui Valley as a community resource to benefit
19 the public; and
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21 WHEREAS, Moanalua Gardens Foundation has the knowledge,
22 experience, expertise, and commitment to care for Kamananui
23 Valley and to conduct educational and cultural programs in
24 Kamananui Valley; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
29 and Natural Resources is urged to work with the Moanalua Gardens
30 Foundation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the
31 purpose of helping to protect and preserve Kamananui Valley, one
32 of Hawaii's most treasured cultural and historical areas, for
33 the people of Hawaii; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
36 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its
37 progress in entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with
38 the Moanalua Gardens Foundation, including findings and
39 recommendations, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
40 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson and

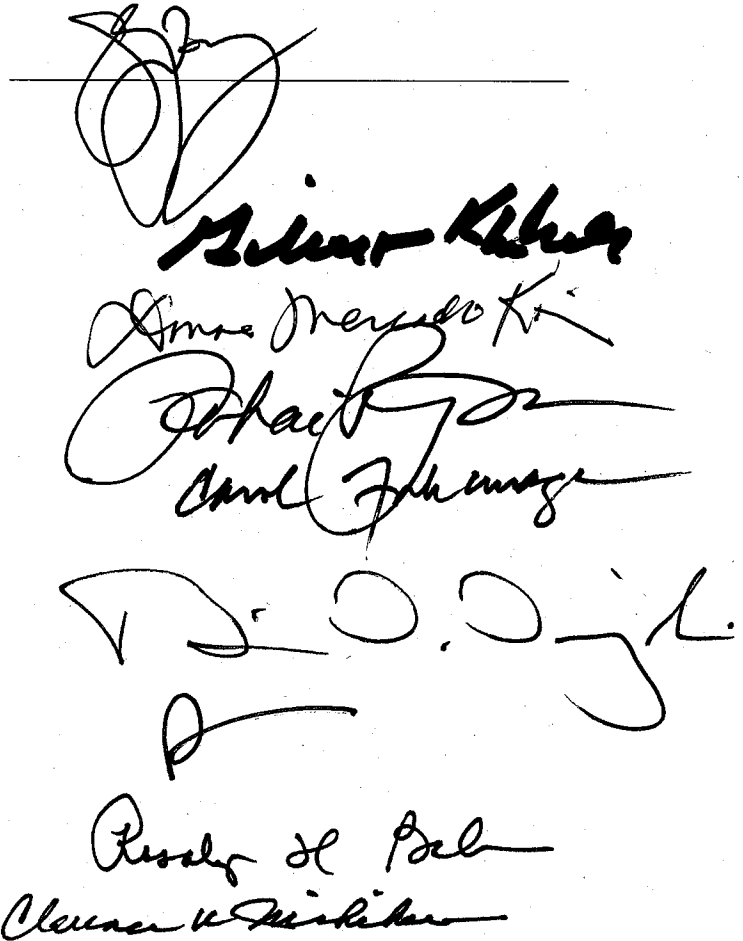


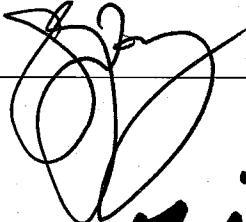
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1 members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the
2 President of Moanalua Gardens Foundation.

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