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Testimony of Poka Laenui,

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HCR 67 / HR 60

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE ISLANDS OF POLYNESIA.

Aloha kakou:

I support and commend the authors of this resolution for this sensible and outward-looking approach to relations between Hawaii and others.

As the affairs of the world continually evolve, it is only prudent that we look to our natural geographic and cultural neighbors and relations who share this common Pacific for mutual exchanges of cultures, resources, indigenous knowledge, and aid as the need and appropriate circumstances arise.

There are untold worlds which we can uncover and learn about from our Pacific Island neighbors.

This resolution is a rejuvenation of the earlier attempts taken by Kalakaua in proposing a pan-Pacific union, in the unification of Pacific Islanders through its voyaging traditions as led by the Pacific Voyaging Society, and in the gathering of voices for Human Rights in the call by the Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples here in Manoa, Hawaii.

Please support this resolution.

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Comments:

I believe OHA should be included to 1.) benefit from the economic development opportunities, 2.) ensure maintaining and developing further the cultural and spiritual ties between kanakamaoli and our cousins of Polynesia, and 3.) develop political and economic collaborations with our cousins, as well.

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Comments:

I note that some of the islands listed are not considered Polynesian Islands such Pohnpei and PNG, even though there are some people of Polynesian ancestry living there. Other nations with Polynesian ancestry are left off the list like Nauru and Fiji. It would be better to expand the resolution to include all Pacific Island countries. The Pacific Island countries are already engaged in cooperative efforts through various organization.