
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MAKAHA SONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAWAIIAN
MUSIC AND CULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is especially proud to
2 recognize the acclaimed and talented musical artists who have
3 delighted audiences with their moving rhythm and enduring sounds
4 of traditional Hawaiian music that they have been diligently
5 perpetuating throughout our State and the world; and
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7 WHEREAS, the MAKAHA SONS is one of Hawaii's most renowned
8 and distinguished Hawaiian musical groups; having reorganized
9 several times over the years, it has been entertaining fans
10 since 1976; and
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12 WHEREAS, John Kapualani Koko, Louis R. "Moon" Kauakahi, and
13 Jerome Kaleolani Koko, originally from Nanakuli, have won the
14 hearts of fans from around the world with their dazzling
15 harmonies and vocal arrangements; and
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17 WHEREAS, Jerome Kaleolani Koko began entertaining at a very
18 young age and was given the nickname, "Boogie", since he was
19 often dancing and singing as well as imitating Elvis Presley;
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22 WHEREAS, past group members include the talented Jerry
23 Koko, Israel Kamakawiwoole, Skippy Kamakawiwoole, Louis
24 Kauakahi, Abraham Nahulu, Melvin Amina, and Sam Gray; and
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26 WHEREAS, the superb accomplishments and impressive
27 performances of the MAKAHA SONS have allowed them to share their
28 vibrant sounds and delightful stage presence with supporters for
29 over 30 years; and
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31 WHEREAS, in addition to appearing in movies and on talk
32 shows, the MAKAHA SONS have traveled from Hawaii to Washington



1 D.C., as well as to Carnegie Hall, and have earned the privilege
2 and honor of playing for both the President and Vice-President
3 of the United States; and

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5 WHEREAS, their undying efforts in perpetuating the Hawaiian
6 culture through music have resulted in numerous proclamations
7 and awards for the MAKAHA SONS, including countless "Na Hoku
8 Hanohano Awards"; and

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10 WHEREAS, with their enthusiasm and dedication to keeping
11 the culture and legacy of Hawaiian music alive for future
12 generations, the MAKAHA SONS have formed the Makaha Sons
13 Foundation; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Makaha Sons Foundation presents scholarships
16 each year to a deserving high school graduating senior and
17 generously contributes to a variety of organizations; now,
18 therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2013, that this body hereby honors the MAKAHA SONS
23 for their contributions to Hawaiian music and culture, thanks
24 the individual group members for sharing their musical talents,
25 and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for
26 continued success in all future endeavors.

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