
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE HOKULEA AND HER CREW ON THEIR
MALAMA HONUA WORLDWIDE VOYAGE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hōkūle‘a is a traditionally navigated vessel
2 that proved the probability of intentional Polynesian voyaging
3 and settlement of the largest ocean in the world when she first
4 sailed from Hawai‘i to Tahiti in 1976 under the traditional
5 navigation skills of one of the earth's last master navigators;
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8 WHEREAS, the Hōkūle‘a began reconnecting the peoples of the
9 Pacific, rekindling pride and aspiration among Native Hawaiians
10 and Pacific islanders; and

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12 WHEREAS, with her remarkable mentors and teachers,
13 including Herb Kane, Tommy Holmes, Ben Finney, Nainoa Thompson,
14 Mau Piailug, and many others, the Hōkūle‘a became a catalyst for
15 positive change in Hawai‘i while forming and nurturing
16 relationships around the world based on shared values and
17 responsibility for caring for our natural resources; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Hōkūle‘a continues to voyage, carrying
20 Hawai‘i's diverse and openhearted culture throughout the Pacific,
21 bringing together Pacific island communities and voices, and
22 setting an environmental and culture-based educational example
23 for our children to realize the hope and potential in
24 themselves, their heritage, and their world; and

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26 WHEREAS, voyaging on the Hōkūle‘a teaches each crewmember
27 the individual and collective responsibilities of caring for
28 oneself, one another, the canoe, and the ocean in a manner that
29 is respectful and sustainable; and



1 WHEREAS, the Hōkūle‘a seeks to carry learned and shared
2 experiences from 38 years of traditional voyaging across more
3 than 140,000 miles of Pacific Ocean waters on a worldwide
4 voyage; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hōkūle‘a's Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage will
7 cover a distance of 47,000 miles over a four-year period, and
8 will visit 85 ports in 26 countries; and
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10 WHEREAS, during the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, the
11 Hōkūle‘a hopes to raise awareness of the importance of ocean
12 protection for the survival of life on earth; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Hōkūle‘a intends to raise awareness of the
15 issues confronting Hawaii's shorelines, reefs, and deep waters,
16 while honoring and sharing Hawaiian knowledge and practices of
17 natural resource management; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular
21 Session of 2014, that this body hereby extends its sincerest
22 appreciation and deepest gratitude to the Hōkūle‘a and her crew
23 for their outstanding contributions to the voyaging community
24 and to Hawaiian and Polynesian culture.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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