
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING JULY 20, 2014, AS "TRANQUILITY BASE DAY" IN HAWAII TO HONOR THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR LANDING AT TRANQUILITY BASE AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE TRANQUILITY BASE AND ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

1 WHEREAS, July 20, 2014, is the forty-fifth anniversary of
2 the historic Apollo 11 spaceflight that landed the first humans
3 on the surface of the moon at Tranquility Base; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing is one of the most
6 significant technological advancements in history; and
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8 WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement fulfilled President
9 John F. Kennedy's goal in his 1961 speech before the United
10 States Congress to send a man to the moon and return him safely
11 to Earth within a decade; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing was exceptionally
14 significant for the United States and the world, representing
15 the first time a human stepped foot on another celestial
16 surface; and
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18 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
19 designed, led, and executed the Apollo program; and
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21 WHEREAS, the landing site, "Tranquility Base", was named
22 after the region planned for the first human lunar landing in
23 the Sea of Tranquility; and
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25 WHEREAS, the first human landing at Tranquility Base
26 represented the combined efforts and contributions of thousands
27 of researchers, scientists, and engineers from many nations and
28 states, including Hawaii; and
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30 WHEREAS, Hawaii's role in the Apollo program and space
31 exploration is represented by numerous facilities and programs
32 statewide, including Kauai's Kokee Tracking Station, which



1 provided voice relay and telemetry data communications between
2 the Apollo 11 astronauts and the National Aeronautics and Space
3 Administration's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique geological landscape was essential
6 for the training of the Apollo 11 astronauts that was carried
7 out in Halema'uma'u crater, Kapoho, Kilauea Iki crater, Aloi and
8 Alae craters, Mauna Ulu, Kilauea Hualalai volcano, Mauna Kea
9 volcano, and Mauna Loa volcano between 1965 and 1972; and
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii was instrumental in supporting the
12 splashdown and recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts and the
13 command module spacecraft returning from the moon; and
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15 WHEREAS, prior to being transported back to Texas, the
16 Apollo 11 astronauts traveled in a mobile quarantine facility
17 from Pearl Harbor to Hickam Air Force Base; and
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19 WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary challenges and
20 sacrifices required by this immense undertaking, the first human
21 landing on the moon was a success due to the contributions of
22 many participants, including the State of Hawaii; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2014, that July 20, 2014, be designated as
28 "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawaii to honor the forty-fifth
29 anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing at Tranquility Base;
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the
33 State's citizens to celebrate "Tranquility Base Day" to honor
34 the Apollo 11 lunar landing and the importance of this notable
35 milestone in the history of Hawaii, the United States, and the
36 world; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the United
39 Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to
40 include Tranquility Base and associated artifacts on the World
41 Heritage List, along with other renowned landmarks, including
42 the Pyramids at Giza, the Great Wall of China, Independence
43 Hall, and the Statue of Liberty; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

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