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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM 2014 AS THE YEAR OF THE  
WORLDWIDE VOYAGE.

1           WHEREAS, Hokule'a is a traditionally navigated vessel that  
2 proved the probability of intentional Polynesian voyaging and  
3 settlement of the largest ocean in the world when she first  
4 sailed from Hawaii 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, Hokule'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, Hokule'a, with her remarkable mentors and teachers,  
13 became a catalyst for positive change in Hawaii while forming,  
14 nurturing, and learning from relationships around the world  
15 based on the shared values and responsibility for caring for the  
16 islands and honoring Hawaii's heritage and culture; and

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18           WHEREAS, Hokule'a continues to voyage, carrying Hawaii's  
19 diverse and accepting culture throughout the Pacific, bringing  
20 together Pacific island communities and voices and setting an  
21 environmental and cultural-based educational course for our  
22 children to know the hope and potential in themselves, their  
23 heritage, and their world; and

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25           WHEREAS, voyaging on the Hokule'a teaches each crewmember  
26 the individual and collective responsibilities to care for  
27 oneself, one another, the canoe, and the ocean in a manner that  
28 is respectful and sustainable; and

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30           WHEREAS, Hokule'a will depart Hawaii and set off on a  
31 worldwide voyage in 2014;

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# S.C.R. NO. 70

1 WHEREAS, Hokule'a seeks to carry learned and shared  
 2 experiences from thirty-eight years of traditional voyaging  
 3 across more than 140,000 miles of Pacific Ocean waters on the  
 4 worldwide voyage; and

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 6 WHEREAS, Hokule'a's worldwide voyage will cover 47,000 miles  
 7 over the next four years; and

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 9 WHEREAS, Hokule'a will visit twenty-six countries and  
 10 eighty-five ports; and

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 12 WHEREAS, during the worldwide voyage, Hokule'a hopes to  
 13 raise awareness of the importance of ocean protection for the  
 14 survival of life on Earth; and

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 16 WHEREAS, Hokule'a intends to raise awareness of the issues  
 17 confronting Hawaii's shorelines, reefs, and deep waters, while  
 18 honoring and sharing Hawaiian knowledge and practices of natural  
 19 resource management; now, therefore,

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 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
 22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
 23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is urged  
 24 to proclaim 2014 as the Year of the Worldwide Voyage; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Department  
 28 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Tourism  
 29 Authority; and Polynesian Voyaging Society.

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