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SENATE 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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33 WHEREAS, Hokule'a seeks to carry learned and shared
34 experiences from thirty-eight years of traditional voyaging



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1 across more than 140,000 miles of Pacific Ocean waters on the
2 worldwide voyage; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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