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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE AND STATE ENTITIES TO SUPPORT THE HOKULE'A AND
HER CREW AS THEY JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD.

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 seeks to carry learned and shared
31 experiences from thirty-eight years of traditional voyaging
32 across more than 140,000 miles of Pacific Ocean waters on a
33 worldwide voyage; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hokule'a's worldwide voyage will cover 47,000 miles
2 over the next four years; and

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

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

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

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
18 that the State and state entities are urged to support the
19 Hokule'a and her crew as they journey around the world; and

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

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