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Conference Room 312

TESTIMONY TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE
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RE: HR 60/HCR 85 – Urging the Governor to Proclaim 2014 as the Year of the Worldwide Voyage

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaiian Educational Council (HEC). In a partnership between HEC and the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS), Nainoa Thompson and I have founded the Mālama Honua Learning Center (MHLC), a public charter school committed to providing the students of Hawai'i a rigorous, values-based, and place-based education. MHLC stands to provide the community with a school dedicated to indigenous cultural values that nourish goodness; in addition to helping students develop into wise, compassionate navigators of their learning, lives and 21st century global world. The purpose of the school is to perpetuate the invaluable learning opportunities that will arise after the Worldwide Voyage (WWV).

HEC is in strong support of HR 60/HCR 85, resolutions that would urge the Governor to proclaim 2014 as the Year of the Worldwide Voyage.

The WWV serves to teach us, as well as future generations, lessons of environmental justice such as sustainability and social justice issues such as learning to mālama honua with one another.

Thank you to the House for its leadership in recognizing this historical voyage with these resolutions and for the opportunity to testify in strong support of them.