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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM; THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I WEST OAHU ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA; AND THE HAWAII FILM OFFICE TO SEND A LETTER TO SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTRESS JENNIFER LAWRENCE ASKING FOR AN APOLOGY FOR AN INCIDENT IN WHICH SACRED ROCKS WERE DESECRATED DURING THE FILMING OF THE HUNGER GAMES.

1 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian sites are considered highly sacred
2 areas that should not be disturbed; and

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4 WHEREAS, these sites include temples, shrines, rocks,
5 petroglyphs, rock carvings, fishponds, and other ancient
6 architectural remains; and

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8 WHEREAS, during the filming of The Hunger Games, actress
9 Jennifer Lawrence desecrated sacred rocks, later joking about
10 the incident on national television; and

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12 WHEREAS, persons who are not from Hawaii should respect the
13 beliefs of the Native Hawaiian people; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the University of
19 Hawai'i West Oahu Academy for Creative Media; and Hawaii Film
20 Office are requested to send a letter to Sony Pictures
21 Entertainment and actress Jennifer Lawrence asking for an
22 apology for Ms. Lawrence's desecration of sacred rocks while
23 filming The Hunger Games; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sony Pictures Entertainment is
26 urged to educate its staff on respecting Native Hawaiian sites
27 when filming in Hawaii; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
3 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chancellor of the
4 University of Hawai'i West Oahu; State Film Commissioner; and
5 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sony Pictures
6 Entertainment.

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