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Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution.

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and HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL  
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For hearing Thursday April 13, 2017

Re: SCR 153,SD1

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TO  
DESIGNATE JANUARY 2018 TO JANUARY 2019 AS THE YEAR OF THE  
HAWAIIAN AND REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO  
STUDY AND RECOMMEND TO THE LEGISLATURE A PLAN TO CELEBRATE  
THE YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

The Chinese Zodiac has a cycle of 12 years, each identified as "The Year of the ..." naming one of 12 animals: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig.

Shall we now create our own State of Hawaii zodiac, identifying our major ethnic groups in a similar cycle according to their order of arrival in significant organized groups in these islands? Thus we would have Year of the Polynesian, Year of the European (Caucasian), Year of the Chinese, Year of the Japanese, Year of the Filipino, Year of the Korean, Year of the African, etc.

But we have already had "The Year of the Hawaiian" several times in recent decades, and we have never yet celebrated the "Year of" any of the other ethnic groups. For example, 1987 was proclaimed as "The Year of the Hawaiian" on the front cover of The Hawaiian Journal of History, Volume 21, 1987, available at <https://evols.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/bitstream/10524/168/2/JL21001.pdf>

It's time to let Hawaii's other ethnic groups celebrate their "Year of" lest it appear we are lacking in the aloha spirit and appreciation for their contributions to Hawaii's rich multiethnic society.

Why has there never been a "Year of the Caucasian"? Let's see what a few of the "Whereas" clauses would be in SCR2018 "requesting the governor to issue a proclamation to designate January 2018 to January 2019 as the year of the Caucasian and requesting OHA (the Office of Haole affairs) to study and recommend to the legislature a plan to celebrate the year of the Caucasian."

Whereas, European Caucasians led by English Captain James Cook were the first people originating outside of Polynesia to arrive in Hawaii; and

Whereas, European Caucasians formed an alliance with the young Chief Kamehameha, providing him with guns, cannons, metal swords, ocean-going ships, and expertise in how to use these weapons; and

Whereas, Kamehameha became the first native Polynesian in a thousand years to conquer or subjugate all 8 major Hawaiian islands, which he could never have done without the technology and expertise given to him by the European Caucasians; and

Whereas, American Caucasians brought Christianity, and a written version of the Hawaiian language, and the concept of government under the rule of law with respect for the fundamental rights of all people; and

Etc.

In the spirit of ho'okipa, laulima, and aloha this committee owes affirmative outreach to Hawaii's many ethnicities to invite them all to submit proposals for a "Year of" devoted to celebrating their heritages and their contributions to our rainbow tapestry.

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