HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF REDEVELOPING THE OLD NAHIKU SCHOOL SITE AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE AS A COMMUNITY FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the old Nahiku School located in Hana, Maui, was considered a treasure by the Nahiku community and was more than fifty years old prior to being recently destroyed in a fire; and

WHEREAS, due to its age, the old Nahiku School in Hana was qualified to be placed on the Hawaii registry of historic places; and

WHEREAS, the site currently remains undeveloped and unused; and

WHEREAS, the Nahiku community needs a place to congregate so that they may share native Hawaiian cultural practices and traditions and have a central location for learning, information sharing, and other community-oriented events; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to determine the feasibility of redeveloping the site of the old Nahiku School, providing the necessary infrastructure, constructing a replica of the old Nahiku School, and making it available as a community facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consult with the Hana community prior to developing its recommendations on redeveloping the old Nahiku School site to ascertain the needs and desires of the Hana community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to include any cost estimates and development time lines that are appropriate to develop the old Nahiku School site as a community center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY: Mele Carroll

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