
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO ALLOW AND APPROVE
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL AT A SUITABLE LOCATION
WITHIN KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ON THE ISLAND OF
MOLOKAI TO HONOR AND PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF THOSE
INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FORCIBLY RELOCATED TO THE KALAUPAPA
PENINSULA FROM 1866 TO 1969.

1 WHEREAS, from 1866 to 1969, people from Hawaii afflicted
2 with Hansen's disease were forced to relocate to the remote
3 northern Kalaupapa peninsula on the island of Molokai; and
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5 WHEREAS, the churches of Siloama, established in 1866 and
6 St. Philomena, begun in 1872, and associated with the work of
7 Father Damien (Joseph DeVeuster) are located at Kalawao. Father
8 Damien's life and death among his people focused the attention
9 of the world on the problem of Hansen's disease and the plight
10 of its victims; and
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12 WHEREAS, situated on the leeward side of the peninsula,
13 Kalaupapa Settlement is still home for several surviving
14 Hansen's disease patients whose memories and experiences are
15 cherished. Once a community in isolation, Kalaupapa now serves
16 as a place for education and contemplation and the site became a
17 national park in 1980 dedicated to preserving the memories and
18 lessons of the past; and
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20 WHEREAS, Ka `Ohana O Kalaupapa is a nonprofit organization
21 consisting of patient residents at Kalaupapa National Historical
22 Park and their family members and friends; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2007, that the Secretary of the Interior is requested
27 to allow and approve the establishment of a memorial at a
28 suitable location within Kalaupapa National Historical Park by
29 Ka `Ohana O Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai to honor and
30 perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly
31 relocated to the Kalaupapa peninsula from 1866 to 1969; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior
 2 is requested to have the memorial display in an appropriate
 3 manner the names of the:

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 5 (1) First five thousand individuals sent to the Kalaupapa
 6 peninsula between 1866 and 1896, most of whom lived at
 7 Kalawao; and

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 9 (2) Approximately three thousand individuals who arrived
 10 at Kalaupapa in the second part of its history, when
 11 most of the community was concentrated on the
 12 Kalaupapa side of the peninsula; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States
 16 and the Secretary of the Interior.

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