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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THE NAME "PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE  
NATIONAL MONUMENT".

1           WHEREAS, President George W. Bush by Proclamation 8031 of  
2 June 15, 2006, established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands  
3 Marine National Monument; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the President in his proclamation described the  
6 diverse ecosystem of the approximately one thousand two hundred  
7 nautical-mile stretch of coral islands, seamounts, banks, and  
8 shoals that he wished to protect; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the proclamation also described the area's great  
11 cultural significance to native Hawaiians and its connection to  
12 early Polynesian culture; and  
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14          WHEREAS, the President stated that officials would consult  
15 with native Hawaiians to give the monument a native Hawaiian  
16 name; and  
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18          WHEREAS, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Native Hawaiian  
19 Cultural Working Group (cultural working group) consists of  
20 members with extensive involvement in those islands and includes  
21 cultural practitioners, community activists, academic scholars,  
22 teachers, and resource managers; and  
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24          WHEREAS, the cultural working group requested two  
25 distinguished kūpuna, specifically, Uncle Buzzy Agard and Aunt  
26 Pua Kanahale, to suggest names for the Monument; and  
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28          WHEREAS, Uncle Buzzy and Aunt Pua offered names, as did  
29 native Hawaiian representatives from the Kamakakūokalani, the  
30 University of Hawaii Center for Hawaiian Studies, and the United  
31 States Department of the Interior's Office of Hawaiian  
32 Relations; and



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2 WHEREAS, at Washington Place in Honolulu on March 2, 2007,  
3 First Lady Laura Bush, following a collaborative effort among  
4 federal agencies, state agencies including the Department of  
5 Land and Natural Resources, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve  
6 Commission, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Cultural  
7 Working Group, announced the monument's Hawaiian name,  
8 Papahānaumokuākea, and on that day President Bush amended his  
9 Proclamation 8031 to change the title of the monument to  
10 Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

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12 WHEREAS, the name Papahānaumokuākea is filled with meaning  
13 and tradition, including reference to the genealogy and  
14 formation of the Hawaiian archipelago, all of which strengthens  
15 Hawaii's cultural foundation within significant elements of our  
16 past through native Hawaiian ancestors, and expresses our hopes  
17 for Papahānaumokuākea to provide spiritual inspiration and  
18 perpetuation of our natural and cultural resources; and

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20 WHEREAS, the naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian  
21 name is an important and sacred component of traditional  
22 Hawaiian culture; and

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24 WHEREAS, article XV, section 4 of the Hawaii State  
25 Constitution makes English and Hawaiian the official languages  
26 of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
30 House of Representatives concurring, that residents, government  
31 agencies, and private organizations of the United States and  
32 Hawaii are encouraged to refer to the monument by its official  
33 new name, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
37 United States, the First Lady of the United States, the  
38 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
39 States House of Representatives, the Governor, the President of  
40 the Senate of the State of Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of  
41 Representatives of the State of Hawaii, the Mayor of the City  
42 and County of Honolulu, the Mayor of the County of Kauai, the

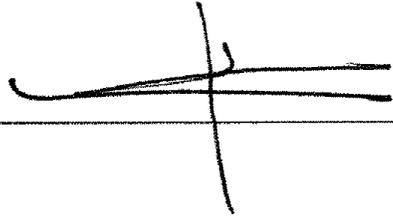


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1 Mayor of the County of Maui, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii,  
2 and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of  
3 Hawaiian Affairs.

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**By Request**

