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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO RESTORE PRINCE KUHIO PARK TO ITS FORMER CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole of Hawai'i was a prince of the Kalakaua line and an heir of Kaumauali'i, the ruling chief of Kaua'i before the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole later served as a delegate to the United States Congress from 1903 until his death in 1922; and

WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole tirelessly worked for native Hawaiian rights, most notably by his direct involvement in the creation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act which allowed native Hawaiians to homestead on State-owned land; and

WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio Park in Koloa on the island of Kaua'i is an historical and cultural treasure, preserving the foundation of Prince Kuhio's royal home and fishpond, as well as the Ho'ai Heiau; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kaua'i constructed Lawa'i Beach Road through the park after Hurricane Iwa; and

WHEREAS, the current path of Lawa'i Beach Road essentially restricts water flow from the historic fishpond to the ocean, resulting in compromised water quality; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the integrity of this historic place that the natural flow of water be restored and preserved; now, therefore,

## H.C.R. NO. 116

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the County of Kaua'i is urged to design and construct a new Lawa'i Beach Road that restores the natural flow of water from the historic fishpond to the shoreline while maintaining appropriate access for park visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Kaua'i County, each member of the Kaua'i County Council, and the leadership of the Royal Order of Kamehameha on Kaua'i.

OFFERED BY:

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