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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF
CREATING IN OR NEAR HANA, MAUI, A MONUMENT TO QUEEN KA`AHUMANU
IN COLLABORATION WITH HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATIONS, RESPECTED
KÜPUNA IN THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, various Pacific island chiefdoms were first
2 unified into the Kingdom of Hawai'i during the late eighteenth
3 century through conquest by the warrior who became the Kingdom's
4 first ruling monarch, known as King Kamehameha the Great, or
5 Kamehemaha I; and

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7 WHEREAS, following the death of Kamehameha I in 1819, Queen
8 Ka`ahumanu, his first and favorite wife and close advisor,
9 became in effect the kuhina nui (co-ruler) of the Kingdom
10 together with the heir to the throne, Prince Liholiho (King
11 Kamehameha II); and

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13 WHEREAS, upon the death of Liholiho in 1824 and the
14 succession of Liholiho's younger brother Kauikeaouli (Kamehemeha
15 III) to the throne, Queen Ka`ahumanu in effect ruled the Kingdom
16 as regent during the early years of Kauikeaouli's reign; and

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18 WHEREAS, Queen Ka`ahumanu was a forceful person who exerted
19 great impact, influence, and power during much of the Kingdom's
20 existence, as an advisor and co-leader with kings, as a free-
21 spirited challenger of traditional kapu, and as a catalyst and
22 shaper of the evolving relationship between ancient Hawaiian and
23 more recently arrived Christian beliefs, morals, and
24 spirituality; and

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26 WHEREAS, Queen Ka`ahumanu was born around 1770 of
27 Ke`eaumoku and Namahana in the cave at Pu`u Ka`uiki, near Hana
28 on the island of Maui and taken as an infant to Heaiu Kaniomoku
29 at Hana; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and successor governments,
3 including the Territory of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i,
4 have built monuments honoring persons of importance in Hawaiian
5 history, including King Kamehameha the Great, King Kalakaua,
6 Queen Kapi'olani, Queen Lili'uokalani, Father Damien, Robert
7 Kalanihiapo Wilcox, and Prince Kuhio; and
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9 WHEREAS, although a statue of Queen Ka'ahumanu already
10 exists at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center in Kahului, Maui, a
11 monument to the Queen at or near Hana, Maui, the area of her
12 birth, paying tribute to and memorializing her valued
13 contributions to the Kingdom of Hawai'i and the history of
14 Hawai'i, would be appropriate and would benefit our current
15 residents and visitors alike; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
20 Affairs is urged to convene a task force to consider the merits
21 of creating in or near Hana, Maui, a monument to Queen
22 Ka'ahumanu; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
25 include as members respected kupuna in the Hawaiian community;
26 representatives from appropriate Hawaiian organizations, such as
27 the Royal Order of Kamehameha, 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu Society, State
28 Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations, Association of
29 Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kamehameha Schools, Native Hawaiian
30 Culture and Arts Program of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,
31 Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, and Council for Native
32 Hawaiian Advancement; and a representative from the Department
33 of Land and Natural Resources; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
36 consider the nature and precise location of a Queen Ka'ahumanu
37 monument; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
40 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
41 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
42 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 3 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
 4 Affairs, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
 5 Royal Order of Kamehameha, 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu Society, State
 6 Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations, Association of
 7 Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kamehameha Schools, Native Hawaiian
 8 Culture and Arts Program of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,
 9 Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, and Council for Native
 10 Hawaiian Advancement.

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