## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO RECONSIDER ITS PRACTICE OF REMOVING TREES WITH HISTORIC VALUE.

WHEREAS, a nearly one-hundred year old comose fig tree growing on the grounds of the University of Hawaii at Manoa was recently cut down and removed in preparation for a planned expansion of the Campus Center; and

WHEREAS, the comose fig tree was planted there as part of the heritage collection of trees planted on the Manoa campus by Joseph Rock, the Territory's first botanist and the university's first botany professor; and

WHEREAS, the comose fig tree was one of only a few of its species in the entire State and has been called part of University of Hawaii at Manoa's living history; and

WHEREAS, the original construction plans for the Campus Center expansion accommodated the continued existence of the comose fig tree, but were later revised to require its removal; and

WHEREAS, the planned expansion merely involves recreational and not educational or research facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is requested to refrain from removing trees with historic value, by designing new and expanded buildings in a way that will permit preservation of these trees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the

3 4 5 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii and the President of the University of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:

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