H.R. NO. 197

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

## REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING CULTURALLY VALUABLE SITES.

WHEREAS, Hawaii includes more than 10,932 square miles of 1 land, with a unique culture found nowhere else on earth, and 2 much of this land is held in ownership by the federal 3 government, the State, corporate entities, and private 4 individuals; and 5 6 WHEREAS, throughout the State there remain certain lands 7 that retain special cultural value, usually in rural areas and 8 9 often containing culturally valuable sites and resources, both tangible and intangible; and 10 11 12 WHEREAS, some of these culturally special lands are found in Hana, Lahaina, and Keanae on the island of Maui; Halawa and 13 Milolii on the island of Hawaii; the islands of Molokai, Lanai, 14 and Kahoolawe; Waiahole, Waikane, and Kahana on the island of 15 Oahu; and Hanalei and Hanapepe on the island of Kauai; and 16 17 WHEREAS, these culturally valuable lands sustain and 18 support native Hawaiian lifestyles and traditions; and 19 20 WHEREAS, these valuable lands include native Hawaiian 21 gathering areas; areas where native Hawaiian agricultural uses, 22 such as taro cultivation, are perpetuated; and lands where 23 native Hawaiian activities, such as fishpond cultivation and 24 limu gathering, are practiced; now, therefore, 25 26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 28 of 2011, that each of the counties are requested to adopt 29 ordinances identifying and protecting these culturally valuable 30 31 sites; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 1 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of 2 the Council of each county. 3 4 5 6

OFFERED BY: Mel Carrie

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