HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE "KA HAE HAWAII INITIATIVE".

WHEREAS, the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii was marked by a series of public observances held over a five-day period from January 13-17, 1993, known as the 'Onipa'a Centennial Observance; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Governor John Waihee ordered that, in observance of the centennial, only the flag of the State of Hawaii, Ka Hae Hawaii, be flown over the Hawaii State Capitol and other state buildings in the Capitol District, including Iolani Palace; and

WHEREAS, the temporary removal of the flag of the United States was supported by many Hawaii residents but was considered very controversial and criticized by others, including members of veterans' organizations; and

WHEREAS, in announcing his decision, Governor Waihee expressed that it was important to remember the events that occurred one hundred years earlier, as well as the role of the United States in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, an initiative to continue the practice of flying only the flag of the State of Hawaii over the State Capitol and other state buildings to commemorate the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii would inspire thoughtful discussion among all residents of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Executive and Legislative Branches are urged to adopt and implement the "Ka Hae Hawaii Initiative"; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the initiative, during the anniversary of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, the Legislature requests that only the flag of the State of Hawaii, Ka Hae Hawaii, be flown over the Hawaii State Capitol and other state buildings in the Capitol District, including Iolani Palace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is urged that implementation of the initiative begin in January 2015, and continue in perpetuity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Comptroller, and the Executive Director of Iolani Palace.

OFFERED BY:

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