## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014 STATE OF HAWAII



## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM 2014 AS THE YEAR OF THE WORLDWIDE VOYAGE.

1 WHEREAS, Hokule'a is a traditionally navigated vessel that 2 proved the probability of intentional Polynesian voyaging and 3 settlement of the largest ocean in the world when she first 4 sailed from Hawaii to Tahiti in 1976 under the traditional 5 navigation skills of one of the Earth's last master navigators; 6 and

8 WHEREAS, Hokule'a began reconnecting the peoples of the 9 Pacific, rekindling pride and aspiration among Native Hawaiians 10 and Pacific islanders; and

WHEREAS, Hokule'a, with her remarkable mentors and teachers, became a catalyst for positive change in Hawaii while forming, nurturing, and learning from relationships around the world based on the shared values and responsibility for caring for the islands and honoring Hawaii's heritage and culture; and

18 WHEREAS, Hokule'a continues to voyage, carrying Hawaii's 19 diverse and accepting culture throughout the Pacific, bringing 20 together Pacific island communities and voices and setting an 21 environmental and cultural-based educational course for our 22 children to know the hope and potential in themselves, their 23 heritage, and their world; and

WHEREAS, voyaging on the Hokule'a teaches each crewmember the individual and collective responsibilities to care for oneself, one another, the canoe, and the ocean in a manner that is respectful and sustainable; and

30 WHEREAS, Hokule'a will depart Hawaii and set off on a 31 worldwide voyage in 2014; 32



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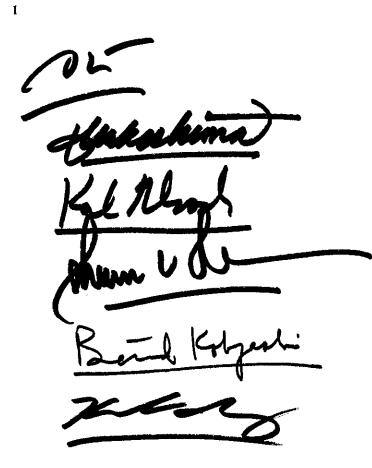
1 2 3	WHEREAS, Hokule'a seeks to carry learned and shared experiences from thirty-eight years of traditional voyaging across more than 140,000 miles of Pacific Ocean waters on the
4 5 6 7	worldwide voyage; and WHEREAS, Hokule'a's worldwide voyage will cover 47,000 miles over the next four years; and
8 9 10 11	WHEREAS, Hokule'a will visit twenty-six countries and eighty-five ports; and
12 13 14	WHEREAS, during the worldwide voyage, Hokule'a hopes to raise awareness of the importance of ocean protection for the survival of life on Earth; and
15 16 17 18 19	WHEREAS, Hokule'a intends to raise awareness of the issues confronting Hawaii's shorelines, reefs, and deep waters, while honoring and sharing Hawaiian knowledge and practices of natural resource management; now, therefore,
20 21 22 23 24	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 Governor is urged to proclaim 2014 as the Year of the Worldwide Voyage; and
25 26 27 28 29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Tourism Authority; and Polynesian Voyaging Society.
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