
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE BERNICE PAUahi BISHOP MUSEUM ON ITS 125TH
ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, certain places in Hawaii are of paramount
2 importance for their historical and cultural significance, such
3 as the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; and
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5 WHEREAS, after witnessing a 65 percent decline in the
6 Native Hawaiian population, Princess Pauahi dreamed of a museum
7 that would preserve the Hawaiian heritage; and
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9 WHEREAS, in 1889, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum was
10 founded by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife, Bernice
11 Pauahi Bishop, the great granddaughter of King Kamehameha I; and
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13 WHEREAS, founding collections of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop
14 Museum include personal legacies and bequests of the royal
15 Kamehameha and Kalakaua families; and
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17 WHEREAS, today, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum welcomes
18 approximately 350,000 visitors annually; and
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20 WHEREAS, as "The Museum of Hawaii", the Bernice Pauahi
21 Bishop Museum's mission is to be a gathering place and
22 educational center that actively engages people in the
23 presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawaii's cultural
24 heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures
25 throughout the Pacific; and
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27 WHEREAS, statutorily designated as the State of Hawaii
28 Museum of Natural and Cultural History, the Bernice Pauahi
29 Bishop Museum has an impressive collection of cultural artifacts
30 and natural history specimens, including Pacific and Hawaiian
31 cultural objects; insect, shell, plant, and zoological
32 specimens; historical photographs, works of art, and archival



1 materials; and catalogued volumes of biological sciences,
2 Hawaiian and Pacific rare books, materials, and serials; and
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4 WHEREAS, collecting, preserving, and translating the oral
5 history of Native Hawaiian and publishing important Hawaiian
6 language and cultural resources are some of the important
7 services provided by the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; and
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9 WHEREAS, for 125 years, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum
10 has been a treasured landmark that protects Hawaii's natural and
11 cultural heritage and serves as a popular attraction and
12 educational center for residents and visitors; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
16 Session of 2014, that this body hereby congratulates the Bernice
17 Pauahi Bishop Museum on its 125th anniversary, recognizes its
18 invaluable contributions to Hawaii, and extends to the museum
19 its warmest aloha and sincere best wishes for continued success
20 in all future endeavors.
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