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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM; THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I WEST OAHU ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE MEDIA; AND THE HAWAII FILM OFFICE TO SEND A LETTER TO SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTRESS JENNIFER LAWRENCE ASKING FOR AN APOLOGY FOR AN INCIDENT IN WHICH SACRED ROCKS WERE DESECRATED DURING THE FILMING OF THE HUNGER GAMES.

1 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian sites are considered highly sacred
2 areas that should not be disturbed; and

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4 WHEREAS, these sites include temples, shrines, rocks,
5 petroglyphs, rock carvings, fishponds, and other ancient
6 architectural remains; and

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8 WHEREAS, during the filming of The Hunger Games, actress
9 Jennifer Lawrence desecrated sacred rocks, later joking about
10 the incident on national television; and

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12 WHEREAS, persons who are not from Hawaii should respect the
13 beliefs of the Native Hawaiian people; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
17 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
18 Tourism; the University of Hawai'i West Oahu Academy for Creative
19 Media; and Hawaii Film Office are requested to send a letter to
20 Sony Pictures Entertainment and actress Jennifer Lawrence asking
21 for an apology for Ms. Lawrence's desecration of sacred rocks
22 while filming The Hunger Games; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sony Pictures Entertainment is
25 urged to educate its staff on respecting Native Hawaiian sites
26 when filming in Hawaii; and

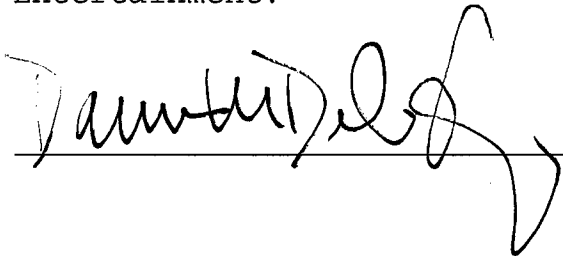
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
30 Development, and Tourism; Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i



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1 West Oahu; State Film Commissioner; and Chairman and Chief
2 Executive Officer of Sony Pictures Entertainment.
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OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Amato", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a trailing flourish.