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SENATE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING JULY 20, 2019, AS "TRANQUILITY BASE DAY" IN HAWAII TO HONOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR LANDING AT TRANQUILITY BASE AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE TRANQUILITY BASE AND ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

1 WHEREAS, July 20, 2019, is the fiftieth anniversary of the
2 historic Apollo 11 spaceflight that landed the first humans on
3 the surface of the moon at Tranquility Base; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing is one of the most
6 significant technological advancements in history; and
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8 WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement fulfilled President
9 John F. Kennedy's goal set forth in his 1961 speech before the
10 United States Congress to send a man to the moon and return him
11 safely to Earth within a decade; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing was exceptionally
14 significant for the United States and the world, representing
15 the first time a human stepped foot on another celestial
16 surface; and
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18 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
19 designed, led, and executed the Apollo program; and
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21 WHEREAS, the landing site, "Tranquility Base", was named
22 after the region planned for the first human lunar landing on
23 the moon's Sea of Tranquility; and
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25 WHEREAS, the first human landing at Tranquility Base
26 represented the combined efforts and contributions of thousands
27 of researchers, scientists, and engineers from many nations and
28 states, including Hawaii; and
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30 WHEREAS, Hawaii's role in the Apollo program and space
31 exploration is represented by numerous facilities and programs
32 statewide, including Kauai's Kōke'e Tracking Station, which



1 provided voice relay and telemetry data communications between
2 the Apollo 11 astronauts and the National Aeronautics and Space
3 Administration's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique geological landscape was essential
6 for the training of the Apollo 11 astronauts that was carried
7 out in Halema'uma'u crater, Kapoho, Kilauea Iki crater, Aloi and
8 Alae craters, Mauna Ulu, Kilauea Hualālai volcano, Mauna Kea
9 volcano, and Mauna Loa volcano between 1965 and 1972; and
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii was instrumental in supporting the
12 splashdown and recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts and the
13 command module spacecraft returning from the moon; and
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15 WHEREAS, prior to being transported back to Texas, the
16 Apollo 11 astronauts traveled in a mobile quarantine facility
17 from Pearl Harbor to Hickam Air Force Base; and
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19 WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary challenges and
20 sacrifices required by this immense undertaking, the first human
21 landing on the moon was a success due to the contributions of
22 many participants, including the State of Hawaii, and a
23 commemoration event celebrating the Apollo 11 lunar landing and
24 the role of Hawaii and its people in this crowning achievement
25 of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, perseverance,
26 and human aspiration is to be held on July 20, 2019, sponsored
27 by the State Archives and the University of Hawaii Windward
28 Community College Center for Aerospace Education at the Kaneohe,
29 Oahu campus; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
32 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that July 20,
33 2019, be designated as "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawaii to honor
34 the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing at
35 Tranquility Base; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the
38 State's citizens to celebrate "Tranquility Base Day" to honor
39 the Apollo 11 lunar landing, the contributions of people and
40 places in Hawaii to the Apollo program in general and the Apollo
41 11 mission in particular, and the importance of this notable

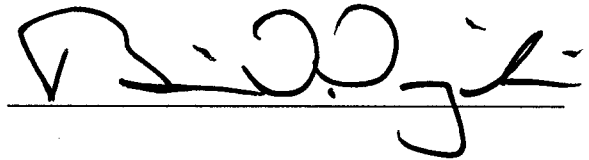


1 milestone in the history of Hawaii, the United States, and the
2 world; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the United
5 Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization to
6 include Tranquility Base and associated artifacts on the World
7 Heritage List, along with other renowned landmarks, including
8 the Pyramids at Giza, the Great Wall of China, Independence
9 Hall, and the Statue of Liberty; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President of the
13 University of Hawaii; Chancellor of Windward Community College;
14 State Archivist; and Director-General of the United Nations
15 Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. D. J. K.", is written over a horizontal line.