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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO RE-DESIGNATE THE  
CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND  
OF HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO  
REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON  
THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Captain Cook is a census-designated place on the  
2 island of Hawaii, within the district of South Kona and bordered  
3 by the census-designated places Kealahou on the north and  
4 Hōnaunau-Napo'opo on the south; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the area is so named because the post office for  
7 the area was located in the Captain Cook Coffee Company during  
8 the early 1900s; and  
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10 WHEREAS, prior to being designated as Captain Cook, the  
11 area was home to a thriving Hawaiian village and royal residence  
12 known as Ka'awaloa; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Ka'awaloa was the residence of choice for many Kona  
15 chiefs, including King Kamehameha I; and  
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17 WHEREAS, despite the decline in the Native Hawaiian  
18 population through the late 1800s, the area was still known as  
19 Ka'awaloa by the local populace and visitors to the area; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the area continued to be known as Ka'awaloa through  
22 the 1920s, as evidenced by a passage in Charmian London's memoir  
23 recalling a horseback ride to Ka'awaloa to view the Captain Cook  
24 monument; and  
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1 WHEREAS, re-designating the area as Ka'awaloa is vital to  
2 recognizing and honoring the rich and storied history of Hawaii;  
3 now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the United States Census  
8 Bureau is requested to re-designate the census-designated place  
9 known as Captain Cook on the island of Hawaii as Ka'awaloa; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii County is requested to  
12 remove all references to Captain Cook as a place name on the  
13 island of Hawaii; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
17 United States Census Bureau, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and  
18 Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council.  
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