
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN PERPETUATING HAWAII'S ANCIENT CULTURAL HERITAGE.

1 WHEREAS, the richness and vitality of our State is due in
2 large part to the efforts of civic minded individuals who give
3 so much of their time, energy, and talents to meet community and
4 cultural needs and to fulfill a vision for the well-being of
5 society, a value epitomized by LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM who has
6 preserved, enriched and promoted the cultural and religious
7 traditions of our "old Hawai'i" against overwhelming odds; and
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9 WHEREAS, in 1962, the United States Department of the
10 Interior designed the Mo'okini Luakini Hei'au as a registered
11 national historic landmark, the seventy-ninth in the nation and
12 the first in the State of Hawai'i, this Hei'au has been in the
13 Mo'okini family since 480 A.D., and in 1977, LEIMOMI MO'OKINI
14 LUM was chosen as Kahuna Nui, the spiritual and physical
15 guardian and caretaker of the Hei'au and as Kahuna Nui, she has
16 faithfully carried on the family tradition of caring for this
17 Hei'au; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 1992, Act 166, Session Laws of Hawai'i, which
20 sought to preserve and protect the cluster of historical sites
21 in North Kohala by creating the North Kohala State Monument was
22 passed, and this monument encompasses the triangle of the
23 Mo'okini Hei'au, the Kukuipahu Hei'au and certain historic
24 sites, and also the Hei'au at Mahukona making up the triangular
25 locations of the Ku, Kane, and Lono temples established by the
26 early Mo'okini ancestors; and
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28 WHEREAS, LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM recognized the threat of
29 losing the Kamehameha birth site because of landowner's
30 development plans, and was instrumental in convincing the U.S.
31 Department of the Interior to include this irreplaceable



1 artifact into the Mo`okini Registered National Historic
2 Landmark, and the lands between the Kamehameha birth site and
3 Mo`okini Luakini Hei`au were also placed in the Registered
4 National Historic Landmark District, to prevent any development
5 of the land; and

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7 WHEREAS, some 32 years have elapsed since LEIMOMI MO'OKINI
8 LUM, upon becoming the next generation's Kahuna Nui, lifted the
9 sacred *kapu* or restriction that reserved the Hei`au for royalty
10 and human sacrifices, thereby, making it safe for everyone to
11 enter and leave the sacred site and within this time frame this
12 precious land was dedicated to the "Children of the Land; and
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14 WHEREAS, LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM, founded and organized the
15 program "Na Mano O Hawai'i Nei", and formulated and implemented
16 Children's Day, and in 1994, the land cradling the Mo`okini
17 Luakini Hei`au and the Kamehameha Birth Site were rededicated to
18 include the "Children of the World"; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2009, LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM began the
21 construction of the Mo`okini Educational Complex, a permanent
22 site to continue her educational work with the children on
23 preserving the culture of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2009, that this body hereby commends and congratulates
28 LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM and others of her bloodline for their
29 outstanding service in protecting and perpetuating Hawai'i's
30 ancient cultural heritage, and extends to the Mo`okini Ohana its
31 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all their
32 future endeavors.
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