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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT A LO'I BE ESTABLISHED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE
STATE CAPITOL.

1 WHEREAS, kalo (colocasias esculenta), Hawaiian for taro, is
2 considered sacred and is also a central part of Hawaiian
3 genealogy and culture; and

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5 WHEREAS, a lo'i, Hawaiian for taro paddy, is the
6 traditional method of planting kalo; and

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8 WHEREAS, kalo is also an important source of food in
9 Hawaiian culture; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State Capitol grounds are a gathering place
12 for visitors as well as residents from across the State; and

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14 WHEREAS, the architectural design of the State Capitol
15 building symbolizes unique aspects of the State: the eight
16 columns along the front and back of the building represent the
17 State's major islands, the sloping walls of the House of
18 Representatives and Senate chambers represent volcanoes, and the
19 columns rising out of the reflecting pools represent palm trees;
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22 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Legislature designated kalo as the
23 State's official plant; and

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25 WHEREAS, despite its cultural importance and the abundance
26 of other symbolic representations at the State Capitol building,
27 kalo is not present; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Historic
32 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural



S.C.R. NO. 199

1 Resources is requested to oversee the establishment of a lo'i on
2 the grounds of the State Capitol; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation
5 Division is requested to work with native Hawaiian preservation
6 and education groups to ensure the success of the program by:
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- 8 (1) Securing funds from private donations for the
9 materials needed to establish the lo'i;
- 10 (2) Allowing Onipa'a Na Hui Kalo to provide the labor to
11 establish and maintain the lo'i; and
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- 13 (3) Working with Oahu Hawaiian immersion and Hawaiian
14 cultural focused charter schools to provide education,
15 cultural activities, and research; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation
19 Division is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of
20 its progress no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
25 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the State Historic
26 Preservation Officer, the Board of Directors of Onipa'a Na Hui
27 Kalo, and the Executive Director of the Charter School
28 Administrative Office.
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