
HOUSE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING 'A'Ā AS THE HAWAII STATE ROCK.

1 WHEREAS, volcanoes have a deep and rich cultural
2 significance to Native Hawaiians and current residents of the
3 State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the majesty and beauty of volcanoes, both active
6 and inactive, are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian islands are volcanic in origin; and
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10 WHEREAS, each Hawaiian island is made up of at least one
11 primary volcano, although many islands are composites of more
12 than one volcano; and
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14 WHEREAS, lava rock ('A'ā) is expelled by volcanoes during
15 eruptions; and
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17 WHEREAS, 'A'ā is one of three basic types of lava rock and
18 is characterized by a rough, jagged spinose, and generally
19 clinkery surface; and
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21 WHEREAS, 'A'ā is the rarest of the three types of lava rock;
22 now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2014, that this body hereby declares 'A'ā as the state
27 rock to honor the creation of the State and the cultural
28 significance thereof; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the
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1 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
2 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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