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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I TO
RENAME THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY TO
THE PAUL H.I. COLEMAN ASTRONOMY CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, Paul H.I. Coleman was the first and only Native
2 Hawaiian with a doctorate in astrophysics; and
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4 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman's doctorate research focused on the
5 sizes of distant galaxies observed at radio wavelengths and the
6 implications of these for cosmological models; and
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman's career took him around the world to
9 several institutions, including the Virginia Polytechnic
10 Institute and State University, Kapteyn Astronomical Institute
11 in The Netherlands, New Mexico Institute of Mining and
12 Technology, Yale University, and the University of Puerto Rico;
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15 WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Coleman joined the University of
16 Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy; and
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18 WHEREAS, in his sixteen years with the Institute for
19 Astronomy, Dr. Coleman played a key role in the Institute's
20 education and public outreach efforts, speaking passionately
21 about astronomy, its importance to Hawai'i, its history in Native
22 Hawaiian voyaging and wayfinding, and how Hawaiians could play a
23 major role in the field; and
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25 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman also participated as a member of many
26 committees and councils dedicated to increasing Native Hawaiian
27 participation, education, and careers in the sciences; and
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29 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman was a tireless advocate for astronomy
30 in Hawai'i, advocating for the University of Hawai'i and
31 Institute for Astronomy to business groups, rotary clubs, and
32 chambers of commerce across the State; and
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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman embraced a vision for Native Hawaiians
 2 to become engaged in the sciences, including astronomy, and
 3 connecting the future of astronomy with the rich history of
 4 Polynesian voyaging; and
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6 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman led the National Science Foundation
 7 funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program for
 8 nearly a decade, a competitive program that brings a dozen
 9 undergraduates from around the country to conduct research with
 10 Institute for Astronomy researchers during the summer; and
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12 WHEREAS, most importantly, Dr. Coleman served as a mentor
 13 to a new generation of Native Hawaiian scientists and his
 14 dedication to the Native Hawaiian community, especially youth
 15 interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics,
 16 was irreplaceable and unparalleled; and
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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman passed away on January 16, 2018, at
 19 the age of sixty-two, leaving behind a legacy in the field of
 20 astronomy and the Native Hawaiian community in Hawai'i and
 21 throughout the world; now, therefore,
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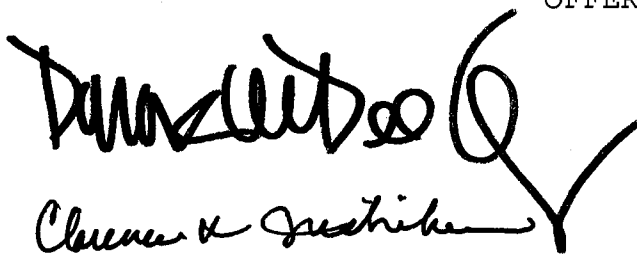
23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
 25 that the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i is
 26 requested to rename the University of Hawai'i Institute for
 27 Astronomy to the "Paul H.I. Coleman Astronomy Center"; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Regents
 31 for the University of Hawai'i.
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OFFERED BY:








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