
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING JULY 20, 2019, AS "TRANQUILITY BASE DAY" IN HAWAII TO HONOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 LUNAR LANDING AT TRANQUILITY BASE AND URGING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE TRANQUILITY BASE AND ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

1 WHEREAS, July 20, 2019, is the fiftieth anniversary of the
2 historic Apollo 11 spaceflight that landed the first humans on
3 the surface of the moon at Tranquility Base; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing is one of the most
6 significant technological advancements in history; and
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8 WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement fulfilled President
9 John F. Kennedy's goal set forth in his 1961 speech before the
10 United States Congress to send a man to the moon and return him
11 safely to Earth within a decade; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Apollo 11 lunar landing was exceptionally
14 significant for the United States and the world, representing
15 the first time a human stepped foot on another celestial
16 surface; and
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18 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
19 designed, led, and executed the Apollo program; and
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21 WHEREAS, the landing site, "Tranquility Base", was named
22 after the region planned for the first human lunar landing on
23 the moon's Sea of Tranquility; and
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25 WHEREAS, the first human landing at Tranquility Base
26 represented the combined efforts and contributions of thousands
27 of researchers, scientists, and engineers from many nations and
28 states, including Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's role in the Apollo program and space
2 exploration is represented by numerous facilities and programs
3 statewide, including Kauai's Kōke'e Tracking Station, which
4 provided voice relay and telemetry data communications between
5 the Apollo 11 astronauts and the National Aeronautics and Space
6 Administration's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique geological landscape was essential
9 for the training of the Apollo 11 astronauts that was carried
10 out in Halema'uma'u crater, Kapoho, Kīlauea Iki crater, Aloi and
11 Alae craters, Mauna Ulu, Kīlauea Hualālai volcano, Mauna Kea
12 volcano, and Mauna Loa volcano between 1965 and 1972; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii was instrumental in supporting the
15 splashdown and recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts and the
16 command module spacecraft returning from the moon; and
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18 WHEREAS, prior to being transported back to Texas, the
19 Apollo 11 astronauts traveled in a mobile quarantine facility
20 from Pearl Harbor to Hickam Air Force Base; and
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22 WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary challenges and
23 sacrifices required by this immense undertaking, the first human
24 landing on the moon was a success due to the contributions of
25 many participants, including the State of Hawaii, and a
26 commemoration event celebrating the Apollo 11 lunar landing and
27 the role of Hawaii and its people in this crowning achievement
28 of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, perseverance,
29 and human aspiration is to be held on July 20, 2019, sponsored
30 by the State Archives and the University of Hawaii Windward
31 Community College Center for Aerospace Education at the Kaneohe,
32 Oahu campus; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
36 2019, the Senate concurring, that July 20, 2019, be designated
37 as "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawaii to honor the fiftieth
38 anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing at Tranquility Base;
39 and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the
42 State's citizens to celebrate "Tranquility Base Day" to honor



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1 the Apollo 11 lunar landing, the contributions of people and
2 places in Hawaii to the Apollo program in general and the Apollo
3 11 mission in particular, and the importance of this notable
4 milestone in the history of Hawaii, the United States, and the
5 world; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the United
8 Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization to
9 include Tranquility Base and associated artifacts on the World
10 Heritage List, along with other renowned landmarks, including
11 the Pyramids at Giza, the Great Wall of China, Independence
12 Hall, and the Statue of Liberty; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President
16 of the University of Hawaii; Chancellor of Windward Community
17 College; State Archivist; and Director-General of the United
18 Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

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