



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SCR 161 – 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.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SCR 161 to designate July 20, 2019 as "Tranquility Base Day" in Hawai'i and to urge the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to recognize this historic human accomplishment by including Tranquility Base and Apollo 11's associated artifacts on the World Heritage List.

Hawai'i played a significant role in the Apollo program, from in situ training of the Apollo astronauts on our lunar-like lava fields to the recovery phase of the astronauts upon their return from the Moon. Hawai'i continues to provide invaluable contributions in aerospace education, research and technology.

To celebrate this historic chapter in human exploration, the University of Hawai'i Windward Community College's Center for Aerospace Education is collaborating with the Hawai'i State Archives to sponsor an Apo11o Family Space Fest on July 20, 2019 at its Kāne'ohe campus. By highlighting Apollo 11's magnificent achievement, this community event, which includes Apollo 11 exhibits, moon rocks and space-themed Imaginarium shows, is designed to encourage the youth of our State to consider the exciting opportunities in STEM careers, with special emphasis in aerospace science.