COMMEMORATING THE FIRST
HAWAI'I ARRIVAL OF THE CRUISE SHIP
OVATION OF THE SEAS TO HONOLULU HARBOR

WHEREAS, Royal Caribbean International (RCI) cruises of Miami, Florida ordered the construction of the Ovation of the Seas, a Quantum class ship that is the third largest of its type in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Ovation of the Seas has an overall length of 1,142 feet, which is longer than most Nimitz class nuclear aircraft carriers, with a beam of 160 feet, gross tonnage of 168,666 tons and a capacity for more than 4,900 passengers and 1,500 crew members. With 18 decks, two ABB Azipods diesel electric engines for its main propulsion, supplemented by four 3,500 kw bow side thrusters that allows for a cruising speed of 22 knots (41 km/h, 25 mph); and

WHEREAS, the Ovation of the Seas was laid down on March 5, 2015 at Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, Germany and completed in 2016. She entered service with RCI on April 14 of that year and departed from the Port of Southampton in the United Kingdom to her destination of Tianjin, China, where she was homeported and operated a series of cruises to destinations in Asia, and later homeported to Sydney, Australia; and

WHEREAS, Ovation of the Seas after sailing from Bora Bora, French Polynesia, is being repositioned for the first time ever to Vancouver, British Columbia for the summer season, where she will sail on seven-night cruises to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, as part of this repositioning voyage, Ovation of the Seas is making her inaugural port of call to Honolulu, Hawai'i, her first ever in the United States of America; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i that the Senate hereby commemorates Royal Caribbean International and the crew of the Ovation of the Seas a warm Aloha as she becomes the largest cruise liner to ever visit a harbor in the Hawaiian Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate wishes RCI and Ovation of the Seas many more years of successful cruises with more port calls to the islands in the future.