

MELE KALIKIMAKA!

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A Message from Senator Kahele

Aloha!

As we celebrate this special time of the year, my office staff and I would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays.

Over the past year, I have been extremely proud at what we have been able to accomplish for the residents of Hilo and our State.

As we look ahead to a new legislative session and a new set of responsibilities, it is a time to reflect on the many blessings of life in our island home. Please accept our very best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli makahiki Hou!

Miller Kahele

Ku'ikahi Mediation Center and Hawai'i County Bar Association Recognition Dinner



The Senate was pleased to offer its congratulations to Sandra P. Song (left), the Hawai'i County Bar Association's honoree for her many years of service as a Hilo attorney.

Also recognized by the Senate was volunteer mediators Romy Saquing, John Petrella, Catherine Lampton, Caroline Weber and Julio Saenz (below) who were honored as Ku'ikahi Mediation Center's Peacemaker Awardees.



Hilo Medical Center Foundation 2014 Physician of the Year

Senator Kahele acknowledges and congratulates Dr. Lynda Dolan, 2014 Physician of the Year, at the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, Wine & Cheese event with Senator Inouye and in back MC, JE Orozco.





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Dr. David K. Sing, Director of Nā Pua No`eau Retires

The Senate commended Dr. David Sing on his forty year tenure with the UH System and wished him well on his much deserved retirement. Dr. Sing is the founding executive director of Nā Pua No`eau Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children which was established in 1989 at UH Hilo. Its goal was to increase the educational opportunities for Hawaiian children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Although he is retiring from Nā Pua No`eau, he will continue to serve our families and communities through Hawaiian education as a managing partner of Educational Prism, LLC.

