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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING THE KAUA'I DISTRICT KAPA'A-KAUA'I-WAIMEA COMPLEX  
AREA 2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, 2025 UNITED STATES SENATE  
YOUTH PROGRAM DELEGATE, 2024 PRUDENTIAL EMERGING  
VISIONARIES WINNER, AND 2024 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

1 WHEREAS, LEAH 'AIWOHI was recently named the Kaua'i District  
2 Kapa'a-Kaua'i-Waimea Complex Area 2025 Teacher of the Year; and  
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4 WHEREAS, an exemplary educator who has cultivated an  
5 environment where students thrive, LEAH 'AIWOHI has dedicated 35  
6 years to teaching in Hawai'i's public school system, inspiring  
7 and empowering students of all ages; and  
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9 WHEREAS, recognized as Kaua'i District's Teacher of the Year  
10 in 2002 and 2025, LEAH 'AIWOHI teaches a wide range of career and  
11 technical education (CTE) subjects, including computer science,  
12 media production, and STEM subjects, while also serving as the  
13 CTE Coordinator, managing program development, budgets, and  
14 student internships; and  
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16 WHEREAS, LEAH 'AIWOHI has worked tirelessly to promote  
17 equitable access to technology education and foster student  
18 success, advising student media productions that have been  
19 featured on national platforms like PBS NewsHour and helping  
20 students earn the highest honors in state and national media and  
21 STEM competitions; and  
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23 WHEREAS, a recognized PBS Digital Innovator All-Star, CSTA  
24 Equity Fellow, and Amazon Future Engineer Teacher Ambassador,  
25 LEAH 'AIWOHI champions inclusive teaching practices and student  
26 engagement, emphasizing the real-world application of classroom  
27 lessons; and  
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1 WHEREAS, being named Kaua'i District's Teacher of the Year  
2 is an incredible honor that reflects not only LEAH 'AIWOHI's  
3 extensive record of excellence, but also the collective efforts  
4 of her students, colleagues, and the community as a whole,  
5 reaffirming her commitment to fostering an inclusive, innovative  
6 classroom and advocating for equitable access to education; and  
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8 WHEREAS, ETHAN YANG was recently named a 2025 United States  
9 Senate Youth Program Delegate; and  
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11 WHEREAS, a senior at Henry J. Kaiser High School, ETHAN  
12 YANG serves as President of the student body and is an Executive  
13 Officer on the Hawai'i State Student Council, where he  
14 collaborates with fellow student leaders to organize the annual  
15 Student Leadership Conference and Secondary Student Conference;  
16 he also advocates for public school youth statewide as the sole  
17 Hawai'i Board of Education student representative; and  
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19 WHEREAS, ETHAN YANG is an Ambassador for the International  
20 Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a founding member of the Mock  
21 Trial Team, and an active member and former Secretary of the  
22 National Honor Society; and  
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24 WHEREAS, ETHAN YANG has received numerous accolades,  
25 including winning the Harvard Book Award and the statewide  
26 Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission's essay contest, placing  
27 nationally in the Voice of Democracy audio essay contest, and  
28 competing in the Gladiator Mock Trial World Championship; he  
29 plans to pursue a degree in finance, political science,  
30 philosophy, or economics, with aspirations to become an  
31 attorney; and  
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33 WHEREAS, GENSHU PRICE was recently named a 2024 Prudential  
34 Emerging Visionaries winner; and  
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36 WHEREAS, a student at Myron B. Thompson Academy, GENSHU  
37 PRICE is a celebrated visionary leader and the founder of  
38 Bottles4College, a non-profit organization that collects  
39 recyclable bottles and cans to pay for college tuition for  
40 Hawai'i students wanting to pursue postsecondary education; and



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2 WHEREAS, GENSHU PRICE began collecting cans at the age of  
3 10 to save money for college before realizing it would take one  
4 student decades to earn a sufficient college fund from five cent  
5 bottle and can redemptions; he decided to shift gears and  
6 harness the power of community to raise money for local students  
7 needing financial aid for college; and

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9 WHEREAS, under GENSHU PRICE's leadership, Bottles4College  
10 has recycled more than 1.75 million bottles and cans, equating  
11 to more than 140,000 pounds of trash diverted from landfills;  
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14 WHEREAS, the non-profit organization has also granted  
15 \$43,500 in scholarships to local students pursuing postsecondary  
16 education and \$10,000 in disaster relief to those affected by  
17 the Maui wildfires; and

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19 WHEREAS, KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL was recently  
20 recognized as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School; and

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22 WHEREAS, KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL stands out for its  
23 exceptional performance, surpassing statewide averages in  
24 English language arts by ten percentage points and math by 16  
25 percentage points; and

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27 WHEREAS, as a top performing school, KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY  
28 SCHOOL is being honored a second time for meeting the  
29 performance award criteria for Exemplary High Performing  
30 Schools; and

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32 WHEREAS, KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is a caring 'ohana that  
33 puts students and relationships first, promoting a sense of  
34 belonging while also providing a rigorous, well-rounded, and  
35 transformative educational experience for all students; and

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37 WHEREAS, as an International Baccalaureate World School,  
38 KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL provides every student with  
39 instruction in the Japanese language with an emphasis on  
40 Japanese culture; the school prioritizes "whole student"

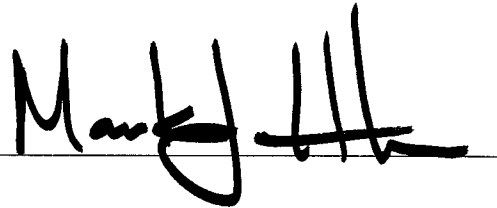


1 education, preparing students for an increasingly complex and  
2 interconnected world; and  
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4 WHEREAS, utilizing an inquiry-based learning approach, KOKO  
5 HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL encourages students to speak up, be  
6 heard, and take action; the school's dedicated staff, partnered  
7 with families and interested community members, challenges  
8 students to think globally and act locally at school, at home,  
9 and throughout the community; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session  
13 of 2025, that this body hereby congratulates LEAH 'AIWOHI on  
14 being selected as the Kaua'i District Kapa'a-Kaua'i-Waimea Complex  
15 Area 2025 Teacher of the Year, ETHAN YANG for being selected as  
16 a 2025 United States Senate Youth Program Delegate, GENSHU PRICE  
17 for being selected as a 2024 Prudential Emerging Visionaries  
18 winner, and KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for being recognized as  
19 a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School and extends to them its  
20 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all  
21 future endeavors.  
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