HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO. **212**

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND HONORING THE LEADERS OF THE KAPOLEI NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH GROUPS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND LEADERSHIP IN EXPANDING NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH PROGRAMS ACROSS OAHU.

WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups 1 2 have demonstrated dedication to enhancing public safety, promoting community engagement, and improving the quality of 3 life for residents through their strong commitment to the 4 5 Neighborhood Security Watch program; and 6 7 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups have played a pivotal role in supporting crime prevention 8 initiatives, encouraging residents to take an active role in 9 protecting their neighborhoods, and strengthening partnerships 10 with the Honolulu Police Department to promote a safer and more 11 connected community; and

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> 14 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups, 15 through their leadership and advocacy, have facilitated 16 Neighborhood Security Watch meetings, citizen patrols, and 17 safety workshops, educating residents on crime trends, emergency 18 preparedness, and proactive crime prevention measures; and 19

20 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups 21 have worked to stop gang fights in the Kanehili community, 22 conduct stakeouts targeting illegal game rooms and drug houses, 23 and provide security for Kapolei community events; and 24

WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups have provided community public safety trainings on the topics of self-defense, crime prevention, gun safety, active shooter response, and purse theft awareness; and Page 2

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WHEREAS, the efforts of the Kapolei Neighborhood Security 1 Watch groups have led to the shutdown of five drug houses and 2 one illegal game room; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups' 5 ongoing collaboration with the Honolulu Police Department's 6 Community Policing Team has led to increased community trust, 7 effective informational awareness, and the successful 8 9 implementation of security measures that deter crime and improve neighborhood vigilance; and 10 11 12 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups have spearheaded initiatives such as Operation Blue Light 13 Christmas, crime awareness town halls, and public safety forums, 14 15 uniting residents, law enforcement, and elected officials in collective efforts to strengthen neighborhood security and well-16 17 being; and 18 19 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups' proactive approach to community-driven safety initiatives has 20 directly contributed to the well-being and resilience of 21 22 Kapolei, promoting a culture of cooperation and shared 23 responsibility among residents, businesses, and civic leaders; 24 and 25 26 WHEREAS, the influence of the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups has extended beyond their own communities by 27 helping to establish and mentor Neighborhood Security Watch 28 programs across the island, including Leeward Oahu communities 29 30 from Ewa Beach to Makaha, as well as Kalihi, Mililani, and 31 Molokai; and 32 33 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups 34 have worked closely with law enforcement to share best practices that empower residents island-wide to take an active role in 35 36 crime prevention; and 37 38 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups 39 have made invaluable contributions to making Oahu communities 40 safer and more connected by perpetuating a culture of vigilance 41 and collaboration; now, therefore,

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1 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 3 4 of 2025, that this body hereby commends the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups for their continued dedication to public 5 safety, community engagement, and neighborhood security, extends 6 its sincere appreciation for the members' service in the many 7 mentioned and unmentioned contributions to the people of Hawaii, 8 and wishes them much success in their future endeavors. 9 10 11 12 OFFERED BY:

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