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THIRTIETH DAY

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:03 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Elijah Pierick, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Hussey-Burdick, who was excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Day was deferred.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Evslin
Rep. Cochran
Rep. Yamashita
Rep. Nakamura
Rep. Pierick
Rep. Kila
Rep. Souza

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 214) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 214, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING VICE ADMIRAL JOHN WADE ON HIS SUCCESS AS THE COMMANDER OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE-RED HILL IN DEFUELING THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY," was offered by Representative Aiu.

Representative Aiu moved that H.R. No. 214 be adopted, seconded by Representative Ichiyama.

Representative Aiu shared how deeply our community was impacted by the fuel leak from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, which led to contamination of one of Oahu's primary aquifers into the Navy's water distribution system, leading to many negative health effects; and lauded the community for coming together to advocate for the closure of the storage facility.

Representative Ichiyama commended the Joint Task Force – Red Hill for their work ensuring the safe and expeditious defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage facility, and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Vice Admiral John Wade, Commander, JTF-RH;
Brigadier General Michelle Link, Deputy Commander, JTF-RH; and
Brigadier General Lance Okamura, Director of Strategic Engagement,
JTF-RH.

Representative Ichiyama also introduced guests who were seated in the gallery:

Catherine Wade, wife of VADM Wade;
Chris Link, husband of BG Link;
Major Whitney Quinn; and
Commander Nico Melendez.

Representative Aiu recognized the commitment of VADM Wade in keeping lines of communication open with the community, engaging with the media and research, and being receptive to feedback from stakeholders, leading to a successful fueling plan that removed over 104 million gallons of fuel; and commended the Joint Task Force – Red Hill on the conclusion of the removal of all residual fuel.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 214 was adopted, with Representative Hussey-Burdick being excused.

At 12:16 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Perruso
Rep. Matayoshi
Rep. Kila

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:29 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13, 2024. (Representatives Aiu, Gates, Holt, Hussey-Burdick, Ichiyama, and Lamosao were excused.)