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TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:08 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Quinlan introduced Connor Cullen, first grader at Saint Michael School, son of Emma Perry of the House Chief Clerk's Office.

Representatives Takenouchi, Miyake, Takayama, Morikawa, and La Chica introduced volunteers with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network: Leanna Abe, Lynda Asato, Cynthia Au, Benita Brazier, Josh Fowler, Elton Fukumoto, Jeremi Ganotisi, Jennifer Grand-Lejano, Jennifer Hausler, Lila Johnson, Daryl Kurozawa, William Loui, Elijah Luchenbill, Sarah Luchenbill, Amy Melnikoff, Carol Marx, Lianne Matsuo, Stephanie Mau, Adam Mulkey, Michael Mulkey, Robyn Rose, Mark Vasconcellos, Alex Wiles, Mark Willingham, Autumn Woolpert, and Darin Yokoyama; Emberlyn Alcantara, Kellen King, David Kauha'aha'a, Cassie Pali, Ashley Rodrigues, Kahalawai Rodrigues-Gusman, Keali'i Rodrigues-Yamamoto, Debra Uli'i, and Henry Uli'i Jr. from Maui; Michelle Emura, Patricia Huff, Michelle "Mickey" LaVarre, Uri Martos, and Christel Pope from Kaua'i; Kimberly Omine from Pearl City; and Chandra Quinlan from Waipi'o.

Representative Todd introduced his friend, Chris Hannigan, husband of J. Elise Hannigan.

Representative La Chica introduced the family of Gavin Tsue: his wife, Denise Matsumoto, and their children, Blaine, Brennan, and Brianna Tsue.

Representative Ilagan introduced Genaro "Hale" Gualdarama and Felipe "Paco" Anguiano from Hawai'i Teamsters and Allied Workers Local 996.

Representative Iwamoto introduced members of the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i and their CEO, Dr. Kanoe Naone.

Representative Perruso introduced her intern, Connor Birdsall.

Representative Kahaloa introduced Roz Makaula from Kamehameha Schools.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 201) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 201, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2025 HAWAII NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL, 2025 MASAYUKI TOKIOKA EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARDEE, 2026 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND 2026 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM DELEGATES," was offered by Representative Woodson.

Representative Woodson moved that H.R. No. 201 be adopted, seconded by Representative La Chica.

Representative Nakamura recognized the educators who shaped her academic journey; highlighted the lasting impact of her public school experience; acknowledged the challenge of selecting a single influential teacher; commended her fifth-grade teacher for making learning fun and engaging through creative activities, mentorship, and extracurricular opportunities; honored the broader contributions of inspiring teachers who

foster a love of learning; and expressed pride in being a product of the public education system.

Representative Woodson recognized the commencement of Education Week on the House Floor; highlighted the shared and lasting impact of teachers on individuals and communities; commended educators for fostering personal growth that strengthens communities, the state, and beyond; honored their contributions to making the world a better place; and expressed sincere gratitude for their service.

Representative Matsumoto honored excellence in school leadership; highlighted the achievements of Mr. Tsue and acknowledged his 30 years of experience and leadership in advancing innovative, project-based learning in fields such as renewable energy and artificial intelligence; commended his students' accomplishment as the only elementary school to win a top prize in the Design Intelligence Lab Contest against older competitors; honored his dedication to education; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Gavin Tsue, principal, Palisades Elementary School, Hawai'i Elementary and Middle School Administrators Association 2025 National Distinguished Principal.

Representative Sayama highlighted the achievements of Kumu Yim; acknowledged his role as *po'o kumu* of a K-12 Hawaiian language immersion school in Pālolo; commended his leadership in advancing the revitalization of Hawaiian language and culture while ensuring a high-quality educational experience for students; honored his efforts to empower *keiki* to be responsible stewards of the *āina* and individuals of strong character; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Baba Yim, principal, Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Ānuenuē, 2025 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Awardee.

Representative Todd recognized Ms. Hannigan for her leadership in reestablishing the Summer Bridge Program to support incoming students, and acknowledged the program's positive impact on student connection, belonging, and increased ninth-grade retention, as well as national recognition by the National Career Academy Coalition; commended her holistic approach to fostering a supportive school culture that promotes academic, social, and emotional success; honored her dedication and positive influence on students and the community; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

J. Elise Hannigan, freshman activity coordinator and teacher, Kea'au High School, 2026 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year.

Representative Cochran recognized the achievements of Miss Nguyen; acknowledged her leadership roles as National Honor Society president, Model UN co-president, and policy fellow with Housing Hawai'i's Future; commended her work researching zoning and housing policy; honored her commitment to civic engagement and future aspirations in economics, politics, and law; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Anna Nguyen, student, Maui Preparatory Academy, 2026 United States Senate Youth Program Delegate.

Representative Pierick recognized the achievements of Miss Yasuda; acknowledged her leadership as a chairperson of the Hawai'i State Student Council advocating for public and charter school students statewide; commended her environmental stewardship efforts, including community engagement and the development of a community garden in partnership with a nonprofit organization; honored her commitment to public service and future goals in environmental studies and international relations; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Lotus Yasuda, student, Waipahu High School, 2026 United States Senate Youth Program Delegate.

Representative Pierick also welcomed and acknowledged guests of the honorees who were seated in the gallery: Monica Yasuda, Kris Yasuda,

Skye Yasuda, Keiko Yasuda, Richard Sasaki, Naomi Sasaki, Chris Hannigan, Dr. Christopher Moylan, Sophia Owen, Denise Matsumoto, Blaine Tsue, Brennan Tsue, and Brianna Tsue.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 201 was adopted.

At 12:29 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Quinlan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, for those of you that would like to stick around, I have an Irish flag here, and we're going to take a picture in front of the chief clerk's desk."

Vice Speaker Ichiyama: "*Éirinn go Brách.*"

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:39 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18, 2026.