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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2006 SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Legislature is always proud to honor individuals who contribute their economic vision, creativity, and drive to our state and its economy, transforming adversity into thriving opportunity; and

WHEREAS, small business is the essence of our free enterprise system, and it is through the initiative and resourcefulness of diligent entrepreneurs that the citizens of Hawaii enjoy a quality of life unsurpassed by any other state in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration seeks to honor a spectrum of individuals who work in all aspects of small business, recognizing the myriad types of small businesses that thrive in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration's annual awards are bestowed on advocates and entrepreneurs who have contributed to the promotion of small business and an improved small business environment; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 U.S. Small Business Administration's awardees include:

- Randy Boyer and Russ Boyer, "Small Business Persons of the Year";
- Brian Kitagawa, "Entrepreneurial Success of the Year";
- Frank Law, Alice Law, and Tim Law, "Small Business Exporter of the Year";

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• Tad Miura, Eric Miura, and Ann Yamamoto, "Family Owned Small Business of the Year";

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• David Fisher, "Financial Services Champion of the Year";

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• Joy Koerte and Jenny Fujita, "Home-Based Business Champion of the Year";

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• Howard Dicus, "Small Business Journalist of the Year";

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• Debbie Hallof, "Minority Small Business Champion of the Year";

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• Benjamin Fouts, "Small Business Administration Young Entrepreneur of the Year"; and

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• Barbara Bennett, "Women in Business Champion of the Year",

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who are a diverse group of individuals whose small but thriving businesses make a difference in the lives of many; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature is proud to honor the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2006 awardees, who have enhanced our economy by ensuring that the best products and services are available to the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, that this body hereby honors the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2006 Small Business Persons of the Year, commends them for their contributions to small business in Hawaii, and extends to them its best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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