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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT PAHOA HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DEDICATE ITS GYMNASIUM IN HONOR OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE HELENE H. HALE, BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE GYMNASIUM TO "HELENE H. HALE GYMNASIUM."

1 WHEREAS, former Hawaii State Representative Helene H. Hale
2 was the first African-American elected to office in Hawaii and
3 the first woman to hold an executive position in local
4 government since Queen Liliuokalani; and

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6 WHEREAS, a resident of Hawaii since 1947, Representative
7 Hale was elected to the Big Island Board of Supervisors after
8 the Democrats came to power in 1954 and served ten years
9 including a term as chairwoman, which is equivalent to a mayoral
10 position, from 1963 to 1965; and

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12 WHEREAS, Representative Hale helped lead the Big Island
13 through the transition to statehood and was one of the founders
14 of Hilo's Merrie Monarch Festival; and

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16 WHEREAS, Representative Hale served as a delegate to the
17 1978 Constitutional Convention and later, between 1980 and 1994,
18 served a total of ten years on the Hawaii County Council; and

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20 WHEREAS, in 2000, at the age of 82, Representative Hale won
21 election to the State House of Representatives, and during her
22 tenure served as Chair of the Committee on International
23 Affairs; and

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25 WHEREAS, Representative Hale is widely admired as a strong
26 advocate for improved mental health care, sustainable
27 development, and world peace; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that Pahoa High and



1 Intermediate School is requested to dedicate its new gymnasium
 2 in honor of former Representative Helene H. Hale, by changing
 3 the name of the gymnasium to "Helene H. Hale Gymnasium" and
 4 place a plaque near the entrance explaining her contributions to
 5 the Pahoia community, the Big Island, and the State of Hawaii;
 6 and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Principal of Pahoia
 10 High and Intermediate School, the Chairperson of the Board of
 11 Education, the Superintendent of Education, the Governor of the
 12 State of Hawaii, and the Honorable Helene H. Hale.

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