HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO. 138

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUTSTANDING POLYNESIAN TRIBAL SURFERS.

WHEREAS, the Legislature is always proud to recognize and 1 honor the outstanding accomplishments of those individuals who 2 define excellence and provide inspiration for the people of 3 4 Hawaii; and 5 WHEREAS, surfing, or papa he'e nalu, is of such historical 6 7 and cultural significance to Hawaii that surfing was adopted, 8 established, and designated as the official individual sport of 9 the State; and 10 WHEREAS, in the days of ancient Hawaii, papa he'e nalu was 11 the sport of the ali'i, who used it as a way of training their 12 13 warriors; and 14 WHEREAS, the late Duke Kahanamoku, the late Eddie Aikau, 15 and the late Rell Sunn as well as present-day Polynesian surfers 16 Clyde Aikau, Ben Aipa, Mitchell Alapa, Derek Ho, Michael Ho, 17 Buffalo Keaulana, and Titus Kinimaka stand out as surfing 18 19 legends spanning several generations; and 20 WHEREAS, these Polynesian tribal surfers have attained 21 tremendous success and contributed greatly to the sport of 22 surfing in Hawaii; now, therefore, 23 24 25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 26 27 of 2010, that this body hereby honors and congratulates the aforementioned Polynesian tribal surfers for their contributions 28 to, and accomplishments in, the sport of surfing, and extends to 29 them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in 30

31 all future endeavors.



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