HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 301

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING MUN LUN SCHOOL ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii supports and acknowledges the 1 2 importance of organizations that preserve the culture and values of Chinese Americans in a multi-cultural society; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, on May 4, 1904 two groups of men, Chun Nien Mo Hock Hui and Chun Nien Ke Lock Bo, unified with the mission of 6 educating Chinese immigrants and was renamed Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo, 7 incorporated on October 14, 1908; and 8 9 WHEREAS, on February 4, 1911 Mo Hock Ke Lock Bo obtained 10 the required charter from the Territory of Hawaii and founded 11 12 Mun Lun School, who today, has the distinction of being the oldest and largest daily Chinese language school in Hawaii, most 13 likely in the entire nation, with the distinction of being the 14 15 last to have taught in Cantonese in the State; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Mun Lun School's vision for the future is to pursue excellence in sustaining and preserving the Chinese 18 19 language and culture in Hawaii by providing a place to learn and promote Mandarin, creating a viable standardized curriculum and 20 assessment program with qualified instructors, and instilling 21 pride and appreciation of the language, heritage and values in 22 all of their students to pass on to future generations; and 23 24 WHEREAS, Mun Lun School's students have achieved local and 25 international academic accolades for the last four years winning 26 the top honors in Chinese writing competitions in Beijing with 27 28 six million participants from twenty-three different countries, 29 and numerous kama'aina Chinese families being alumni; and

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31 WHEREAS, Mun Lun School has made long-lasting contributions32 to the Chinese society in Hawaii with their curriculum seeking



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1 to foster the application and appreciation of Chinese thought 2 and behavior in each of its students on a day-to-day basis 3 focusing on the Mandarin Language, providing language immersion 4 through an open dialogue with their sister school in Zhongshan, 5 China, and providing classes in art, music and tai chi; now, 6 therefore, 7

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 10 of 2011, hereby honors and congratulates Mun Lun School, the oldest Chinese language institution in Hawaii, who plays a 11 12 pivotal role in the cultural vitality of Chinatown and Hawaii's community at large, as it continually provides a place to learn 13 and promote the Chinese language, heritage, culture, and values 14 in our State, and on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary and 15 expresses its appreciation for their contributions and offers 16 17 its best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors. 18

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