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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Congratulations to all of the 2011 Small Business Award winners. These business innovators are who we look to for growth and jobs in order to revitalize our economy. We also took the time to honor our Hawaiian leaders during Hawaiian Caucus Day at the capitol.

As we enter the final days of the 2011 Legislative Session, I would like to note the passing of our dear friend, Akoni Akana. We have lost a very special person who will be missed greatly.

*J. Kalani English*

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2011 SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

The Hawai'i State Senate was pleased to honor a number of small business owners with the 2011 Small Business Awards on March 31, 2011. Senator English personally honored Roger Lane on the Senate floor with the prestigious "Home Based Business Champion" award. This award is given to individuals that have experienced the difficulties and rewards of owning a home based business and have worked voluntarily to improve the climate for other home based businesses. For 30 years, Roger Lane has been a business coach and consultant helping businesses and individuals improve their performance by providing the skills, tools and processes that enable businesses and entrepreneurs to increase

productivity, sales volume and profits. Through his active role as president of Hana Business Council, Rodger works to improve the marketability of Hana businesses by providing training and expanding their website, and has increased membership of the Hana Business Council by 300%.



*(top) Senators Gilbert Kahele, J. Kalani English, Roz Baker, Ronald Kouchi, Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Michelle Kidani, and Malama Solomon with Small Business Award Winners, Robert Fujimoto, Joseph Rossi, Roger Lane, David Kane and Dan Wright. March 31, 2011.*

*Senator English congratulates Roger Lane on winning the "Home Based Business Champion Award." March 31, 2011.*

## SENATE HONORS HAWAIIAN LEADERS

The Hawaiian Caucus is a unique entity created within the Hawai'i State Legislature. This group is composed of legislators united with the primary objective of promoting equal opportunity and access for the indigenous Hawaiian people. First created in 2007, the Legislative Hawaiian Caucus has grown to comprise thirty-seven Legislators from both the House and Senate.

The Hawaiian Caucus holds an annual event, Hawaiian Caucus Day. On March 14, 2011 non profits, businesses, cultural practitioners, and other organizations involved with the Hawaiian community were invited to participate. On the Senate and House floors there were numerous informational stands and cultural displays in addition to hula performances and live music by various Hawaiian musicians. The Hawaiian Caucus also recognized and honored a number of renowned Native Hawaiian Community leaders on the Senate floor.

**Kauanoë Kamana** earned one of the first doctorates in Hawaiian language and embarked on a career of mentoring and educating the youth of Hawai'i. As the principal of Hilo's Hawaiian language immersion school, Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani'opu'u Iki, Kauanoë has had the opportunity to positively impact the lives many young

native Hawaiian children.

**Kumu John Renken Kaha'i Topolinski** is a Uniki graduate, renowned composer, historian and master feather worker who has played an instrumental role in preserving Hawaiian culture and traditions for future generations. Kumu John Renken Kaha'i Topolinski has shared his knowledge, counsel and life experience with two generations of hula students, and hundreds of young individuals as a teacher of Hawaiian history and culture at Mililani High School.

**Mr. Louis Hao** was recognized for his outstanding life-long contributions to the Native Hawaiian community. Over the years, he has served in various roles at Pa'āpono 'O Miloli'i, Ka Hoku Ao Malamalama Church, Keaukaha Community Association and the Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmer's Association. He is also a former Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, having represented the Islands of Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i.

**Elaine Nickie Ahuna Hines** or "Auntie Nickie" has been influential through-

out the Waimanalo community. She started a Food Bank in Waimanalo at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 27 years ago and helps to this day. She continues her community service through educational programs at both Ulupuno and Waialae for Kamehameha Schools, where she shares her knowledge with the Hawaiian youth. The Senate also took this opportunity to celebrate the life of the late great Kahauanu Lake a.k.a "Uncle K", "Mister K", or just plain "K" for his contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of classic Hawaiian music.

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*Members of the Legislative Hawaiian Caucus met with United States Senator Daniel Akaka. Back Row: Senators Clayton Hee, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Gilbert Kahele, J. Kalani English and Pohai Ryan. Front Row: Senator Michelle Kidani, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka and Senator Brickwood Galuteria. April 4, 2011.*



*Members of the Senate and Hawaiian leaders perform mele and hula on the Senate floor. March 14, 2011.*



*Members of the Senate introduce Hawaiian leaders on the Senate floor and present them with a Proclamation honoring their achievements. March 14, 2011.*

## HAWAIIAN LEADERS

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Sen. English was proud to personally acknowledge **Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli** during Hawaiian Caucus Day on the Senate floor. In 1975, Dr. Aluli became a member of the first graduating class of the University of Hawai'i's John A. Burns School of Medicine and later began to practice family medicine on Moloka'i. He has remained there until today, eventually becoming the Medical Executive Director of Moloka'i General Hospital. Dr. Aluli was a co-founder of 'Ahaui o na Kauka, the Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians; he participated in the original E Ola Mau Health Study establishing the baseline health status of Native Hawaiians; he played a significant role in the drafting of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act in 1988; and he was a co-founder of Na Puuwai, which became the Native Hawaiian



*Senator English presents Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli with a Senate Proclamation recognizing his many contributions in supporting the native Hawaiian community.*

Healthcare System for Moloka'i and Lana'i. In addition, Dr. Aluli played a vital role in bringing global attention to the devastation on the island of Kaho'olawe, creating the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana, a grassroots organization formed to halt the bombings and eventually reclaiming the island for the Native Hawaiian People.

## A HUI HOU AKONI

In a lifetime, only a few people can be mentioned as having a significant impact on the way we live and think, Anthony Akoni Akana was such a person. When such a person is lost, a void is created which can seldom be filled.

After a long fight with diabetes, we said our final goodbyes to long time Maui resident, Akoni on March 25, 2011 at his parents' home in 'Aina Koa, Honolulu. Upon his passing, we have lost a special person who contributed greatly to making Maui a



unique and special place to live. He was a proud part of the hotel and visitor industry in Ka'anapali as well as a staunch proponent of hula and mele. He successfully bridged Hawaiian cultural practices with the visitor industry, stood for integrity of the culture in the industry and spearheaded several unique initiatives.

Beyond the memories of laughter and smiles that he conjured up in us daily with his witty and kolohe style, he leaves with us a significant and rich legacy for future generations: a collection of dozens of mele in the Hawaiian language and a vision; the restoration and preservation of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia islet in Lahaina, Maui.

Along with other employees of Ka'anapali Beach Hotel, he helped create the Friends of Moku'ula Foundation, a non-profit foundation in 1990. As the foundation's executive director, he worked tirelessly to get community, government, and financial support to contract archeologists, acquire land access, and begin the process of restoration.

Senator J. Kalani English would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor the life of his dear friend, Anthony Akoni Akana as well as express his sincerest condolences and sympathy to his family.

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY DAY

Maui State Senators, J. Kalani English, Roz Baker and Senate President Shan Tsutsui met with representatives from Developmental Disability Day at the State Capitol. Developmental Disability Day is an annual event where organizations from across the State who supports Hawaii's developmentally disabled, rally at the Capitol on their concerns.

This year, like many other government funded programs, Developmental Disability Day was directed at the continuation of funding amidst State budget cuts and the elimination of the derogatory use of the R-word from everyday speech. The word "Retarded" is viewed as a hurtful and demeaning label to use for our developmentally disabled.



*Senator J. Kalani English, Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Representatives Kyle Yamashita and Angus McKelvey pledge to eliminate the derogatory use of the R-word from everyday speech. March 18, 2011.*



*Maui State Senators, J. Kalani English, Roz Baker and Senate President Shan Tsutsui met with representatives from the Hawaii Government Employees Association. April 4, 2011*

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**REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

The year 2011 marks the centennial anniversary of the Republic of China (Taiwan). To commemorate the ties between Hawai'i and the birth of the Republic of China, the government of the Republic of China has specifically chosen the city of Honolulu to kick-off their overseas centennial celebration with the Torch of Peace Lighting Ceremony to symbolize peace and prosperity. Held in the Aloha Tower marketplace on March 29, 2011 and broadcasted live to China, various government officials and thousands of people gathered to support the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their centennial anniversary.

The Republic of China (Taiwan) was founded in 1912 as a result of the hard work and dedication of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen and a legion of followers with aspirations of creating of a free, modern, and democratic nation. The Republic of China (Taiwan) and Hawai'i share many historical and cultural bonds. As a young man, Dr. Sun Yat-sen attended both Iolani and Punahou Schools. In 1894, Dr. Sun and his brother Sun Mei founded "Revive China Society" (Hing Chung Wui) in Honolulu, China's first revolutionary party, and the predecessor of the Nationalist Party or Kuomintang (KMT). Due to the strong support of overseas compatriots, Dr. Sun successfully overthrew the Ching Dynasty and founded the Republic of China (Taiwan). Today, the relations between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Hawai'i continue to develop and strengthen.



*Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Senators J. Kalani English and Suzanne Chun Oakland present a Senate Proclamation to Mr. Yinghi Wu, Minister of the Overseas Chinese Compatriots Affairs Committee honoring their Centennial Celebration. March 29, 2011.*



*Citizens of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Hawaii and numerous supporters attend the Torch of Peace Lighting Ceremony in honor of the Republic of China's Centennial Celebration. March 29, 2011.*

