

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

CONGRATULATES LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 ON THE NOTED MILESTONE OF ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE, AND HONORS ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, William Cahn, a labor historian wrote, "the history of America has been largely created by the deeds of its working people and their organizations- there is scarcely an issue that is not influenced by labor's organized efforts or lack of them"; and

WHEREAS, LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 represents over 5,000 members across the state in industries such as construction, golf course maintenance, environmental remediation, landscaping, pre-cast yards, and refinery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1954, LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 was chartered by Elmo Samson, Norman Janicki, Sr., Salvador Ambrocio, and Benjamin Saguibo; and

WHEREAS, at that time, LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 represented just construction laborers who were paid \$1.46/hour, with no pension, vacation pay, or medical benefits; and

WHEREAS, today, members of LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 enjoy fair wages, health coverage, and retirement plans; as members, they enjoy job security, protected by a strong union with a long history of standing-up for the rights of working men and women; and

WHEREAS, LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 is currently under the leadership of Peter Ganaban,

its Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, one of the state's youngest union leaders; and

WHEREAS, lawyer and civil libertarian Clarence Darrow reflected, "with all their faults, trade-unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of men that ever existed; they have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the race, for the developing of character in man, than any other association of men"; and

WHEREAS, LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 celebrates its Diamond Jubilee and recommits to its mission to look after the entitlements of the working man; and

WHEREAS, "diamond" comes from a Greek word adamas, which means unconquerable and enduring - two traits that truly exemplify LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that this body hereby congratulates LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 368 on the noted milestone of its Diamond Jubilee and honors its outstanding contributions to the Hawaii community.

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