
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE HAWAII: NEXT 50 CONTEST.

1 WHEREAS, the future of our State and country depends upon
2 the students of today, for they are the future leaders of the
3 community and should be supported in their everyday endeavors;
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest is inspired by former
7 Governor George Ariyoshi's book, "Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years,
8 The Next Fifty Years," which looks into our islands' history as
9 a state and prompts the next generation to think about what can
10 be done to keep Hawaii moving forward in the next century; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Plan, developed by Governor
13 Ariyoshi, contained a number of long-range policies regarding
14 Hawaii's future development, with the contributions, and ideas
15 from concerned citizens being essential in the planning process;
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18 WHEREAS, this contest is intended to encourage our youth to
19 take ownership of their future, to take an active role in
20 shaping their communities, and to voice their opinion on the
21 direction that the State of Hawaii must take to make it the best
22 place it can be, showing others that their opinions matter and
23 their voices are being heard; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, sponsored by the
26 Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Future Caucus, the
27 Ulupono Initiative, and the aio Foundation, asks the students of
28 Hawaii: "Over the next 50 years, what can I do to help Hawaii
29 reach its 100% renewable energy goal?"; and
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31 WHEREAS, over 500 students from grades four to twelve sent
32 submissions to the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, touching on topics
33 such as the importance of self-sustainability, including being



energy, agriculturally, and industrially independent; improving the quality of our State's education system; and preserving all that contributes to our State's uniqueness, such as our native culture, language, flora, and fauna; and

WHEREAS, the submissions of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest winners, Mana Harada of Maemae Elementary School, Angelica Devers of Kapolei Middle School, Febelie Rodriguez of Waipahu Intermediate School, Aolele Taulapapa of Kahuku High and Intermediate School, Mei Rosa of Manoa Elementary School, Alize Pagaduan of Highlands Intermediate School, and Sydney Millerd of Waipahu High School, best embody the spirit of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest in proposing solutions to the problems that Hawaii faces today and imagining a path for Hawaii's future in the next 50 years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, that this body hereby congratulates the winners of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, and expresses to them its deep appreciation for coming up with creative solutions to keep Hawaii moving forward and make it the best place to live and work for the next 50 years and beyond.

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