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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATES ROCKNE FREITAS ON HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE STATE  
OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
2 University of Hawaii-West Oahu's establishment, it is fitting  
3 that the House of Representatives honors an individual who has  
4 served as an athletic and educational role model and dedicated a  
5 significant segment of his life to expanding educational  
6 opportunities for the children of Hawaii; and  
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8 WHEREAS, ROCKNE FREITAS has devoted the past 35 years to  
9 the State of Hawaii as an educator, an educational executive,  
10 community statesman, and legislative and athletics consultant,  
11 touching thousands of lives and taking actions to assure that  
12 current and future generations in the State will have better and  
13 productive futures; and  
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15 WHEREAS, a 1963 graduate of Kamehameha Schools, ROCKNE  
16 FREITAS attended Oregon State University as a recipient of a  
17 National Science Foundation Scholarship; and  
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19 WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in animal  
20 science with option in veterinary medicine and a minor in  
21 business administration in 1968, and would later earn a Master  
22 of Education (1983) and Doctor of Education degree (1995) from  
23 the University of Hawaii in Curriculum and Instruction with a  
24 cognate field in Educational Administration; and  
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26 WHEREAS, professionally, ROCKNE FREITAS is as equally  
27 renowned for his 12 years as a professional football player for  
28 the National Football League's Detroit Lions and Tampa Bay  
29 Buccaneers, as he is for his nearly 35 years of contributions as  
30 an educational executive and community leader in the State of  
31 Hawaii; and



1 WHEREAS, ROCKNE FREITAS has served in leadership roles that  
2 span the University of Hawaii System ranging from Assistant,  
3 Associate, and Interim Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at  
4 UH-Manoa, to UH System Vice President for Student Affairs and  
5 University Relations, to Community College Chancellor, and to  
6 Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-West Oahu; and  
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8 WHEREAS, ROCKNE FREITAS also served in educational  
9 executive roles beyond the University of Hawaii; and  
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11 WHEREAS, at Kamehameha Schools, he served as its Vice  
12 President and Director of Operations as well as the Director of  
13 the Education Program Expansion, Support, and Planning Division;  
14 he oversaw the campuses and garnered community support for the  
15 new K-12 neighbor island Kamehameha Schools on Maui and Hawai'i  
16 Island; and  
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18 WHEREAS, in 2004, ROCKNE FREITAS returned to the University  
19 of Hawaii as Chancellor of Hawaii Community College and posted a  
20 stellar record of accomplishments; and  
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22 WHEREAS, he secured private-public partnership agreements  
23 that enabled the construction of a direct road to the campus,  
24 and a LEED Platinum facility for the University of Hawaii  
25 Center-West Hawaii as the first of four phases to transition  
26 from an educational center to a college campus; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2016, that this body hereby congratulates ROCKNE  
31 FREITAS for his achievements and extends its best wishes to him  
32 for a fruitful retirement and continued success in all future  
33 endeavors.  
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OFFERED BY:

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