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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE HEROES AND PROTECTORS OF O'AHU'S DRINKING WATER.

1           WHEREAS, ola i ka wai means water is life; and  
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3           WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility  
4 stores over 100 million gallons of fuel that sits a mere 100  
5 feet above O'ahu's main aquifer, and over the years, the aging  
6 tanks have leaked an estimated 180,000 gallons of fuel into  
7 O'ahu's natural resources; and  
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9           WHEREAS, in November 2021, an estimated 19,000 gallons of  
10 jet fuel leaked from the aging tanks affecting nearly 100,000  
11 residents; and  
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13           WHEREAS, ERNEST "ERNIE" LAU, chief engineer and manager of  
14 the City and County of Honolulu's Board of Water Supply,  
15 continues to advocate for the protection of Hawai'i's water  
16 supply and publicly supports the O'ahu Water Protectors' efforts  
17 to pressure the U.S. Navy in light of the 1,100 gallons of  
18 highly toxic fire suppressant foam spill in November 2022; and  
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20           WHEREAS, HEALANI SONODA-PALE, the Lead Organizer for the  
21 O'ahu Water Protectors, has mobilized volunteers for countless  
22 sign waving events, educational campaigns, and peaceful  
23 demonstrations over the past 15 months to raise awareness of  
24 O'ahu's water crisis; and  
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26           WHEREAS, WAYNE TANAKA, attorney, engineer, and lifelong  
27 environmental advocate, has served as the Executive Director of  
28 the Sierra Club of Hawai'i since October 2021; he continues to be  
29 steadfast in his efforts to maintain pressure on state and  
30 federal agencies to protect O'ahu's precious water resource in  
31 this critical moment of history; now, therefore,  
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# H.R. NO. 221

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular  
3 Session of 2023, that this body hereby commends ERNEST "ERNIE"  
4 LAU, HEALANI SONODA-PALE, and WAYNE TANAKA as heroes and  
5 protectors of O'ahu's drinking water and extends to them its  
6 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in their  
7 future endeavors.

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