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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN FOR HIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF HAWAI'I.

WHEREAS, JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN earned his Juris Doctorate 1 2 from the University of California-Hastings College of the Law and Master of Laws from Yale Law School; and 3 4 WHEREAS, as an attorney, JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN served as 5 6 the Lead Counsel at Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, representing the plaintiffs in the Aluli v. Brown case, which resulted in the 7 8 end of bombing of Kaho'olawe island; and 9 10 WHEREAS, committed to upholding justice and safeguarding the rights of all individuals, JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN served on 11 12 the Hawai'i Judiciary Restorative Justice Committee and Committee on Jury Innovations and was appointed to the Hawai'i Correctional 13 14 System Oversight Commission at its inception in 2019; and 15 16 WHEREAS, as an adjunct law professor, JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN taught family law, juvenile law, environmental law, and legal 17 18 methods at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law; he published several articles in 19 national judicial magazines and journals and presented at 20 numerous workshops and seminars to judges locally, nationally, 21 and internationally; and 22 23 WHEREAS, in 2010, JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN retired after over 24 thirty years of service as a trial judge, fourteen years in the 25 Family Court, and sixteen years in the Circuit Court, including 26 three years as Senior Judge of the Family Court; and 27 28 WHEREAS, JUDGE MICHAEL A. TOWN remains active in the 29 30 community, serving on the board of directors for the Boys &



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Girls Club of Hawai'i, Positive Coaching Alliance - Hawaii, and
 Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, throughout his esteemed career on the bench, JUDGE
MICHAEL A. TOWN has exhibited the utmost integrity, fairness,
and compassion, earning the respect and admiration of his peers,
colleagues, and the community at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular
Session of 2024, that this body hereby honors and commends JUDGE
MICHAEL A. TOWN for his lifetime achievements, expresses its
deepest gratitude for his service to the State of Hawai'i, and
extends to him its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued
success in all future endeavors.

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