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Representative Sharon E. Har HAWAI'I STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Member, House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Member, House Committee on Labor and Public Employment Member, House Committee on Public Safety Member, House Committee on Transportation

HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL 415 South Beretania Street, Room 418 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Phone: (808) 586-8500 Fax: (808) 586-8504 rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov Aloha Friends:

I hope you and your families have enjoyed the summer. It is hard to believe that a new school year has already started. This summer was busy but productive in that, we celebrated many groundbreaking events for new facilities that will improve our quality of life in Kapolei. In addition, I had the privilege of attending several community-based events, raising funds and awareness of these programs in our district.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice in the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500, or via email at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Malama Pono, Sharon

2nd ANNUAL KALAELOA HERITAGE AND LEGACY FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

On June 23, 2016, I had the privilege of attending the 2nd annual Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation (KHLF) celebration. KHLF is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the Native Hawaiian cultural and historical sites of Kalaeloa. KHLF seeks to educate the community on cultural traditions and practices, advocate cultural awareness, and maintain an authentic Hawaiian presence in the Kalaeloa area. Mahalo nui loa to Uncle Shad, Aunty Val, and the many volunteers who made this event so successful. Please visit <u>www.khlfoundation.org</u> to learn more about KHLF or to do a site visit of the Kalaeloa Heritage Park.

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION GROUNDBREAKING CERMONY

On Friday, July 29, 2016, I had the honor of participating in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii's Kapolei Resource Center, which will be located on Leihano St. Also located at the resource center will be the Senator Daniel K. Akaka Community Center. This community center will serve as a gathering place for our local organizations. As our wonderful city continues to grow, this facility will help us address the staggering number of chronic kidney disease cases in West Oahu.



Right: Rep. Har breaks ground with other dignitaries for the new National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii's Kapolei Resource Center. Left: Rep. Har with Rep. Cullen, Ray Soon, Chief of Staff for Mayor Caldwell and Senator Daniel Akaka.

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MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC. GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Also on Friday, July 29, 2016, had the honor of speaking at the groundbreaking for Medline Industries' distribution center which will be built in Phase II of the Kapolei Business Park. Medline Industries is the largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of medical supplies in the U. S., with over 350,000 items in its product line. This distribution center will be larger than 100,000 square feet and will serve as one of 34 distribution centers in the U. S. We are pleased that Medline Industries has chosen to locate in Kapolei as this signifies a commitment by the health care industry to our residents, while creating economic development for our Second City.



Right: Rep. Har speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for Medline Industries, Inc. Left: Rep. Har, Rep. Cullen and others break ground for the new distribution center for Medline Industries, Inc. in Phase II of the Kapolei Business Park.

KAPOLEI MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES \$18,750 FOR R.E.A.C.H. OUT HAWAII PROGRAM

I am proud to announce that for the 2016-17 school years, Kapolei Middle School has been selected to receive \$18,750 for the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health program (R.E.A.C.H.) initiative. R.E.A.C.H. offers after-school programs for middle school students, in order to keep them on track towards high school graduation and to be better prepared for future success. The after-school programs will offer instruction and activities from three general areas: (1) academic enrichment; (2) arts and culture; and (3) athletics. R.E.A.C.H. is an initiative of the Office of Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui working in collaboration with the Hawaii State Department of Education and the Office of Youth Services within the Hawaii State Department of Human Services. Congratulations to Principal Bruce Naguwa, the administration and staff, and our students at Kapolei Middle School.

EASTER SEALS NAPUAKEA AHA MELE EVENT

On Saturday, August, 27, 2016, I had the honor of attending and speaking at Easter Seals Napuakea's Aha Mele event. There was entertainment, a silent auction, food and activities for the children. As you know, Easter Seals Napuakea is located in Makakilo and serves our special needs community in West Oahu. I am proud to have secured \$1,275,000 in funding from the legislature for this very important organization whose mission is to provide individualized, family-centered services to our special needs community, to achieve their goals and live independent lives.



Right: Rep. Har speaks at the Easter Seals Napuakea Aha Mele Event.