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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE 2023 NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FOR HAWAI'I, 2023 STATE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR HAWAI'I, 2023 MASAYUKI TOKIOKA EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARDEE, 2023 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, 2023 STATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR HAWAI'I, 2023 OUTSTANDING LIBRARY SERVICE AWARDEE, 2023 GOLDEN KEY AWARDEE, 2023 MILKEN TEACHER OF PROMISE AWARDEE, AND 2023 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS.

1           WHEREAS, GLEN MIYASATO was recently named the National  
2 Association of Elementary School Principals' (NAESP) 2023  
3 National Distinguished Principal for Hawai'i; and  
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5           WHEREAS, GLEN MIYASATO holds a Bachelor of Education in  
6 Secondary Education and Master of Education in Educational  
7 Administration from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; and  
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9           WHEREAS, with more than four decades of outstanding service  
10 to the Hawai'i State Department of Education, GLEN MIYASATO has  
11 led Mayor Joseph J. Fern Elementary School as its Principal  
12 since 2018; he oversees a diverse student body of approximately  
13 400, including half of those students with limited English  
14 proficiency and 95 percent of them eligible for free or reduced-  
15 price meals; and  
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17           WHEREAS, affectionately known as Po'o Kumu, GLEN MIYASATO  
18 has been pivotal in fostering a learning environment based on  
19 trust, cultural competency, and community; this approach has  
20 been crucial in addressing the unique needs and strengthening  
21 the assets of a linguistically and culturally diverse student  
22 population situated within an urban community adversely impacted  
23 by poverty; and  
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1           WHEREAS, GLEN MIYASATO has proactively implemented renowned  
2 social and emotional learning programs, cultivated mental health  
3 partnerships, and extended his leadership beyond the school by  
4 participating in a coalition that provides access to broader  
5 community social, health, and education resources; and  
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7           WHEREAS, with an unwavering dedication to building a safe  
8 and inclusive school environment, GLEN MIYASATO personally leads  
9 the Walking School Bus program, ensuring the safe passage of  
10 nearly 40 students to Mayor Joseph J. Fern Elementary School on  
11 high-traffic streets; and  
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13           WHEREAS, SHARON BECK was recently named the National  
14 Association of Secondary School Principals' (NASSP) 2023 State  
15 Principal of the Year for Hawai'i and selected as the 2023  
16 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership awardee; and  
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18           WHEREAS, with a career spanning over three decades, SHARON  
19 BECK's ability to inspire and improve academic outcomes has made  
20 her a driving force in education since embarking on her teaching  
21 career in 1992 at Ka'ū High and Pāhala Elementary School; and  
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23           WHEREAS, in 1999, SHARON BECK started to support schools  
24 across Hawai'i Island as a District Resource Teacher; in 2003,  
25 she served as the Vice Principal at Nā'ālehu Elementary School,  
26 and just three years later, she returned to Ka'ū High and Pāhala  
27 Elementary School as its Principal; and  
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29           WHEREAS, serving the Ka'ū area, the Hawai'i State Department  
30 of Education's largest geographic district in the State, SHARON  
31 BECK has built a strong educational institution in spite of many  
32 challenges, including long commutes for students and limited  
33 access to resources and opportunities; and  
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35           WHEREAS, captivated by the spirit of Ka'ū, SHARON BECK  
36 fosters a sense of unity and collaboration among students and  
37 their families, faculty and staff, and the broader community;  
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1           WHEREAS, DR. BEBI DAVIS was recently named the NAESP 2023  
2 National Outstanding Assistant Principal and the NASSP 2023  
3 State Assistant Principal of the Year for Hawai'i; and  
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5           WHEREAS, DR. BEBI DAVIS' journey from a celebrated teacher  
6 to an inspiring administrator at Prince David Kawānanakoa Middle  
7 School is marked by her continuous advocacy for innovative  
8 teaching and efforts in cultivating an empowering culture for  
9 educators and students alike; and  
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11           WHEREAS, motivated by the belief that teachers are the soul  
12 of society, DR. BEBI DAVIS received the 2005 Milken Educator  
13 Award and was honored as the 2009 Hawai'i State Teacher of the  
14 Year while teaching at Governor Wallace Rider Farrington High  
15 School; and  
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17           WHEREAS, fostering 21st century, student centered  
18 instruction, DR. BEBI DAVIS promotes the practice of integrative  
19 teaching, which encourages problem solving, creativity,  
20 collaboration, equity, and social and emotional learning; her  
21 efforts at Prince David Kawānanakoa Middle School have helped  
22 improve academic performance and increase student engagement;  
23 and  
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25           WHEREAS, GRANT TOYOOKA recently received the Hawai'i  
26 Association of School Librarians' 2023 Outstanding Library  
27 Service Award; and  
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29           WHEREAS, GRANT TOYOOKA has showcased his versatility and  
30 talents as an educator with over two decades of service to the  
31 Hawai'i State Department of Education; he demonstrates dedication  
32 and passion as a district resource teacher, and during his  
33 tenure at Wahiawā Elementary School, he took on various roles,  
34 including temporary vice principal, math coach, curriculum  
35 coordinator, A+ head coordinator, and counselor; and  
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37           WHEREAS, a forward thinker and innovator, GRANT TOYOOKA  
38 plays a crucial role in workforce readiness; he developed  
39 valuable partnerships with Cultivate Hawai'i, an organization  
40 that focuses on workforce development in central O'ahu, and



1 Leilehua Alumni and Community Association, an organization that  
2 serves the Leilehua-Mililani-Waiialua Complex Area; and

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4 WHEREAS, GRANT TOYOOKA presented to industry leaders and  
5 community members on the importance of having certified  
6 librarians on staff at schools; he also transformed innovative  
7 ideas into practical solutions by spearheading the formation of  
8 professional learning communities for librarians that enhanced  
9 student learning and strengthened librarian positions; and

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11 WHEREAS, GRANT TOYOOKA also collaborated with librarians  
12 from area schools to initiate a series of workshops for parents  
13 and students; these workshops, which focused on Sora, a digital  
14 reading app, parent-child reading practices, and digital safety,  
15 underscore his dedication to educational excellence and library  
16 service advocacy; and

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18 WHEREAS, NICOLE GOFF recently received the Hawai'i  
19 Association of School Librarians' 2023 Golden Key Award; and

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21 WHEREAS, NICOLE GOFF is a librarian at Mid-Pacific  
22 Institute and the Chair of the Nēnē Award Committee, which  
23 manages Hawai'i's Children's Choice Book Award; she was  
24 instrumental in maintaining continuity of the Nēnē Award during  
25 the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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27 WHEREAS, a respected speaker and innovator, NICOLE GOFF has  
28 delivered numerous presentations at state and national  
29 conferences on how school librarians can effectively teach  
30 students to interpret information presented on various media  
31 platforms; and

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33 WHEREAS, even though Mid-Pacific Institute does not have an  
34 elementary library, NICOLE GOFF has advocated for access to  
35 comprehensive library services by offering classes to its  
36 elementary students and helping pull books for them,  
37 demonstrating her adaptability and dedication to information  
38 accessibility for students and their growth; and

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40 WHEREAS, NICOLE GOFF's work is a testament to the care and  
41 aloha she feels for her students at Mid-Pacific Institute; and



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2 WHEREAS, RITELA "SHEILA" SPROULE recently received the 2023  
3 State of Hawai'i Teacher of Promise Award from the Milken  
4 Educators of Hawai'i; and

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6 WHEREAS, RITELA "SHEILA" SPROULE attended the University of  
7 Panama, where she earned her diploma in education and went on to  
8 obtain a certification in special education from Leeward  
9 Community College; and

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11 WHEREAS, over the course of her career at Red Hill  
12 Elementary School, RITELA "SHEILA" SPROULE showcased her  
13 versatility and dedication in various roles that positively  
14 impacted students and staff; she served as a part-time teacher  
15 and fulfilled duties as a substitute teacher in inclusion and  
16 fully self-contained special education classrooms; and

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18 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, RITELA "SHEILA"  
19 SPROULE went above and beyond to ensure her students would not  
20 regress; she not only took numerous professional development  
21 courses to stay up-to-date with the latest technology and  
22 distance learning trends, but also utilized that training to  
23 creatively establish bitmoji classrooms for each student to help  
24 ease navigation into virtual learning; and

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26 WHEREAS, devoted to the development of her students  
27 personally and professionally, RITELA "SHEILA" SPROULE expresses  
28 profound gratitude to her colleagues, mentors, and family for  
29 their unwavering support throughout her journey as an educator;  
30 with a steadfast commitment to ongoing growth and development,  
31 within and beyond the classroom, she eagerly anticipates  
32 continuing to serve her community through education; and

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34 WHEREAS, KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL was recently  
35 recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School; and

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37 WHEREAS, previously honored as a National Blue Ribbon  
38 School in 2015, KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL stands out for  
39 exceptional student performance that excels beyond statewide  
40 averages and surpassed English language arts by 28 percentage



1 points, math by 31 percentage points, and science by an  
2 impressive 42 percentage points; and

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4 WHEREAS, as a top performing school, KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY  
5 SCHOOL has made major strides in narrowing the achievement gap  
6 between high-needs and non-high needs students, particularly in  
7 English language arts by a remarkable 19 points over the last  
8 four years; and

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10 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Cherilyn Inouye,  
11 KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has flourished by supporting the  
12 growth and success of students and fostering lifelong learners  
13 who are proactive members of society; and

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15 WHEREAS, the holistic approach to education that has been  
16 adopted by KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL includes social-emotional  
17 learning programs, such as the "Choose Love" initiative, which  
18 incorporates life concepts of courage, gratitude, forgiveness,  
19 and compassion into academic lessons; these programs and co-  
20 curricular classes, such as sewing, pickleball, running, art,  
21 and nature journaling, help ensure the enrichment of students;  
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24 WHEREAS, KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has established a  
25 strong 'ohana with dedicated teachers, staff, and families who  
26 all work together in supporting the comprehensive development of  
27 students; and

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29 WHEREAS, MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL was recently  
30 recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School; and

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32 WHEREAS, MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL stands out for its  
33 exceptional performance, surpassing statewide averages in  
34 English language arts by 26 percentage points, math by 30  
35 percentage points, and science by 31 percentage points; and

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37 WHEREAS, as a top performing school, MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY  
38 SCHOOL is being honored for the second time by meeting the  
39 performance award criteria for Exemplary High Performing schools



1 and ranking in the top 15 percent of Hawai'i schools in  
2 achievement; and  
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4 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Kau'i Tanaka,  
5 MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL creates an engaging learning  
6 environment that emphasizes rigorous and forward-thinking  
7 teaching methods that are relevant to all students; and  
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9 WHEREAS, MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will soon introduce  
10 Career & Technical Education pathways for grades 4-6 with  
11 curriculum that will align with secondary schools and offer  
12 early insights into potential career paths; and  
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14 WHEREAS, a holistic approach to education is encouraged by  
15 MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in the many opportunities offered to  
16 students for community service and civic engagement activities,  
17 such as student council, broadcasting, music, wellness, and  
18 gardening; the school's dedicated staff ensure a well-rounded  
19 education tailored to students' academic, behavioral, and  
20 social-emotional strengths and needs; now, therefore,  
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular  
24 Session of 2024, that this body hereby congratulates GLEN  
25 MIYASATO for being named the NAESP 2023 National Distinguished  
26 Principal for Hawai'i, SHARON BECK for being named the NASSP 2023  
27 State Principal of the Year for Hawai'i and receiving the 2023  
28 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award, DR. BEBI  
29 DAVIS for being named the NAESP 2023 National Outstanding  
30 Assistant Principal and the NASSP 2023 State Assistant Principal  
31 of the Year for Hawai'i, GRANT TOYOOKA for receiving the Hawai'i  
32 Association of School Librarians' 2023 Outstanding Library  
33 Service Award, NICOLE GOFF for receiving the Hawai'i Association  
34 of School Librarians' 2023 Golden Key Award, RITELA "SHEILA"  
35 SPROULE for receiving the 2023 State of Hawai'i Teacher of  
36 Promise Award from the Milken Educators of Hawai'i, and  
37 KA'ELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and MAUNAWILI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for  
38 being recognized as 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools, commends  
39 their outstanding accomplishments and community involvement, and



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1 extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued  
2 success in all future endeavors.

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