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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KŪHIŌ LEWIS AS PRESIDENT AND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN  
ADVANCEMENT.

1           WHEREAS, Kūhiō Lewis is the President and CEO of the  
2 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA); and

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4           WHEREAS, CNHA, founded in 2001, is a non-profit  
5 organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic,  
6 political, and community development for Native Hawaiians; and

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8           WHEREAS, at the helm of CNHA since 2018, Kūhiō Lewis is  
9 responsible for numerous endeavors including the establishment  
10 and administration of the Hawaiian Trades Academy, the online  
11 marketplace Pop-Up Mākeke, the KūHana Business Program,  
12 nationally-recognized emergency rental assistance programs, a  
13 multi-million dollar loan fund, the largest Community  
14 Development Financial Institution program in the state, the  
15 annual Native Hawaiian Convention which assembles the largest  
16 gathering of Native Hawaiians in the country, and initiatives  
17 related to transforming the tourism sector to better share  
18 Hawai'i's rich cultural heritage, among many others; and

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20           WHEREAS, Kūhiō Lewis and CNHA have provided significant aid  
21 in response to the August 2023 Maui wildfires, offering a  
22 leasing program to sublet homes to fire-impacted families,  
23 stipends for those who host survivors in spare rooms, and a loan  
24 forgiveness program to help property owners expedite the  
25 construction of accessory dwelling units; and

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27           WHEREAS, Kūhiō Lewis has received multiple awards for his  
28 efforts, such as being honored as Hawai'i Business Magazine's 20  
29 for the Next 20, Pacific Business News' 40 for the next 40, and  
30 a 2023 Pacific Business News Book of Lists Power Leader; and  
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1           WHEREAS, approaching his role with an ambitious vision,  
2 Kūhiō Lewis has reached historic highs for CNHA in terms of loan  
3 dollars out the door, restructuring his staff, and bringing  
4 greater focus to managing the loan fund and the organization's  
5 financials; and

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7           WHEREAS, Kūhiō Lewis has led CNHA to achieve long-lasting  
8 impacts for the Native Hawaiian community; now, therefore,  
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10           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
12 Session of 2024, that Kūhiō Lewis is hereby recognized for his  
13 leadership and accomplishments as the President and CEO of the  
14 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and the House of  
15 Representatives wishes him continued success in all his future  
16 endeavors.  
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