
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE 2025 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, 2023
MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDEES, 2024 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDEE, AND
2024 MILKEN TEACHER OF PROMISE AWARDEE.

1 WHEREAS, BRYAN SILVER was recently named the 2025 Hawai'i
2 State Teacher of the Year; and
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4 WHEREAS, BRYAN SILVER has dedicated over 20 years as an
5 educator at Kalani High School, teaching history, special
6 education, and career and technical education; he spent most of
7 those years mentoring robotics teams annually through after-
8 school programs and in competitions, including FIRST LEGO
9 League, FIRST Tech Challenge, VEX Robotics, FIRST Robotics
10 Competition, and Aerial Drone Competition; and
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12 WHEREAS, as a testament to his commitment to his students
13 and the field of STEM, BRYAN SILVER won \$50,000 for the Kalani
14 High School robotics program, the very first Hawai'i recipient of
15 the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching
16 Excellence in 2024; and
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18 WHEREAS, in addition to making Kalani High School a hub for
19 STEM education in Hawai'i, BRYAN SILVER has also been
20 instrumental in establishing robotics programs statewide as an
21 advisor for the local, national, and international award-winning
22 robotics squad, Team Magma 3008; and
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24 WHEREAS, a recipient of The President's Lifetime
25 Achievement Award through the National President's Volunteer
26 Service Award program, BRYAN SILVER completed 4,500 hours of
27 community service working with organizations such as Teachers
28 Across Borders Southern Africa, running week-long STEM robotics
29 workshops for 600 teachers; and
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1 WHEREAS, BRYAN SILVER is a passionate educator committed to
2 leading by example, who understands the importance of
3 encouraging students to go above and beyond; and
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5 WHEREAS, JADE PHAM received the 2023 Milken Educator Award;
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8 WHEREAS, a dedicated educator and leader at Prince David
9 Kawānanakoa Middle School, JADE PHAM has demonstrated a
10 steadfast commitment to upholding the school's core values of
11 respect, responsibility, and resiliency while carrying out her
12 duties as the TA Vice Principal and Student Services
13 Coordinator; and
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15 WHEREAS, after immigrating to Hawai'i from Vietnam as a
16 child, JADE PHAM graduated from Kaimukī High School and went on
17 to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from Corban
18 University and her master's degree in education from the
19 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; she would eventually land at
20 Prince David Kawānanakoa Middle School in 2021, where she taught
21 special education and social studies before becoming a student
22 services coordinator in 2022, overseeing targeted interventions
23 and advocating for the integration of special education students
24 into general education classrooms; and
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26 WHEREAS, as a leader in implementing the Hawai'i Multi-
27 Tiered System of Supports, JADE PHAM engages her fellow faculty
28 in data-based problem-solving, project-based learning, Socratic
29 seminars, and social-emotional learning, while also addressing
30 the needs of special education students and those with
31 disabilities, all of which have contributed to increased
32 integration of special needs students into general education
33 classrooms and enhanced professional development of faculty and
34 staff throughout the school; and
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36 WHEREAS, JADE PHAM also holds multiple leadership roles,
37 including serving as a school leadership committee member,
38 special education department facilitator, and chair of the
39 Western Association of Schools and Colleges assessment focus
40 group, and works with the University of Hawai'i on its special



1 education teacher committee, in addition to advising her
2 school's award-winning e-sports club; and

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4 WHEREAS, RORY INOUE received the 2023 Milken Educator
5 Award; and

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7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Waiākea High School, RORY INOUE
8 brings fresh enthusiasm to his classroom every day as a math
9 teacher at his alma mater; having curated a dynamic and
10 welcoming classroom environment, students feel comfortable
11 thinking critically, collaborating, and engaging with the
12 subject matter, making his classroom a prime destination for
13 students who seek extra help and support; and

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15 WHEREAS, RORY INOUE tailors his lessons and curriculum to
16 meet the diverse learning backgrounds, styles, and abilities of
17 his students, fostering a student-led learning atmosphere
18 centered on higher-order thinking, problem-solving, and
19 collaboration; he uses tools such as math podcasts and online
20 platforms to enhance students' understanding of mathematical
21 concepts in fun and engaging ways; and

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23 WHEREAS, RORY INOUE's dedication to student success is
24 evident outside the classroom, as he serves on the faculty of
25 the Waiākea High School Freshman Academy, manages after-school
26 tutoring, and helps with homecoming activities; his leadership
27 extends to assisting new and veteran teachers who regularly seek
28 his guidance and support, facilitating the professional growth
29 of his colleagues; and

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31 WHEREAS, a former baseball player at Waiākea High School,
32 RORY INOUE has also contributed to the school's athletic
33 program, leading the baseball team to award-winning status and
34 further exemplifying his dedication to student growth and
35 success in all areas; his impact extends beyond academics to
36 shaping students' character and preparing them for life beyond
37 high school; and

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39 WHEREAS, KRISTY INAMASU recently received the 2024 Milken
40 Educator Award; and



1 WHEREAS, an alumna of Chaminade University, KRISTY INAMASU
2 obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree
3 in elementary education while also beginning her distinguished
4 career as a part-time teacher; and
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6 WHEREAS, KRISTY INAMASU has fostered an environment in her
7 classroom that inspires courageous learning, where students are
8 empowered to share their thoughts, collaborate, and take
9 ownership of their academic responsibilities, helping them grow
10 as confident and independent learners; and
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12 WHEREAS, KRISTY INAMASU's efforts to promote critical
13 thinking, accountability, and empathy have contributed to
14 significant improvements in the school's academic performance,
15 with reading scores rising eight points and math scores rising
16 12 points in one year; and
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18 WHEREAS, a fiercely dedicated Kalihi community educator,
19 KRISTY INAMASU started at Kalihi Waena Elementary School before
20 making Kalihi Uka Elementary School her home, where she has held
21 various roles, including Primary School Adjustment Program
22 Coordinator, first-grade teacher, English language and
23 intervention teacher, and kindergarten teacher, since 2015; and
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25 WHEREAS, KRISTY INAMASU's commitment to her students, the
26 faculty, and the school community has made her an exemplary role
27 model and leader; her passion for education and unwavering
28 support for her colleagues and students have created a lasting
29 impact on the Kalihi Uka Elementary School community; and
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31 WHEREAS, KIMBERLY KIM received the 2024 State of Hawai'i
32 Teacher of Promise Award from the Milken Educators of Hawai'i;
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35 WHEREAS, KIMBERLY KIM has been in education for 18 years,
36 starting as an adult education teacher, later transitioning into
37 a para-professional teacher role, and ultimately becoming a
38 social studies teacher at Moanalua Middle School; throughout her
39 career, she has been committed to helping students grow
40 academically and personally, with one of her proudest



1 achievements being named the 2011 Navy League Military Spouse of
2 the Year; and

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4 WHEREAS, throughout her career, KIMBERLY KIM has
5 demonstrated an unwavering commitment to maintaining an
6 inclusive classroom and a safe, supportive learning environment
7 where every student matters; she strives to provide meaningful
8 learning experiences, with colleagues describing her classroom
9 as a dynamic learning environment where she employs holistic
10 questions, purposeful activities, and discussion techniques to
11 enhance student engagement; and

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13 WHEREAS, KIMBERLY KIM has been a driving force in reshaping
14 the social studies department into a more inquiry-based learning
15 environment; she has also helped ensure that students learn
16 together at the same pace, including organizing alternative
17 learning experiences for students unable to attend the grade-
18 level Hawai'i Island field trip; and

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20 WHEREAS, faculty, students, and school administrators alike
21 have all praised KIMBERLY KIM for her dedication to student
22 learning experiences, instructional strategies, and overall
23 growth, noting her exceptional commitment to providing
24 personalized support, such as tutoring students during non-
25 school hours and serving as a distance learning teacher during
26 the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
30 of 2025, that this body hereby congratulates BRYAN SILVER for
31 being named the 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year, JADE PHAM
32 and RORY INOUE for receiving the 2023 Milken Educator Award,
33 KRISTY INAMASU for receiving the 2024 Milken Educator Award, and
34 KIMBERLY KIM for receiving the 2024 State of Hawai'i Teacher of
35 Promise Award from the Milken Educators of Hawai'i and extends to
36 them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in
37 all future endeavors.



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