
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF
HAWAII HEALTHCARE HEROES AWARD.

1 WHEREAS, The Healthcare Association of Hawaii has been
2 amongst the leading voices of healthcare in Hawaii Since 1939
3 through times of unprecedented changes in health, they have been
4 committed to working with providers across the continuum of care
5 toward a health system which promotes the best care possible for
6 the people of Hawaii; and

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8 WHEREAS, The Healthcare Association of Hawaii incorporates
9 one-hundred and seventy member organizations which include acute
10 care hospitals, public and private skilled nursing facilities,
11 type II adult residential care homes, Medicare-certified home
12 health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and
13 pharmacies across Hawaii; and

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15 WHEREAS, each year since 2014, the Healthcare Association
16 of Hawaii asks Hawaii's patients to nominate the Hawaii
17 Healthcare Heroes who provided exemplary and life changing care
18 to patients across the Hawaii islands; and

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20 WHEREAS, Trevor Fujisaka, a dedicated mobile emergency care
21 specialist for the City and County of Honolulu, hard work and
22 dedication to his patients represents the highest standard of
23 care and epitomizes the spirit of a Hawaii Healthcare Hero; and

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25 WHEREAS, Trevor Fujisaka dedication and care for his
26 patients is most evident when on August 2024, Trevor responded
27 to a call at the Kamehameha High School swimming pool, where a
28 student Dustin Kealoha was unresponsive and lifeguards were
29 unable to resuscitate him. Trevor worked vigorously to
30 administer CPR on Dustin until he was able to regain a pulse.
31 Trevor showed further dedication when on the ambulance ride to
32 the hospital, he performed critical life-saving measures when



1 Dustin became unresponsive again, eventually delivering Dustin
2 safely to the hospital; and

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4 WHEREAS, Trevor's heroic actions that day ensured the
5 safety of Dustin and prevented the Kealoha ohana from mourning
6 two deaths, having lost Dustin's twin sister, Tehani three
7 months prior; and

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9 WHEREAS, Dr. Darryl Glaser, work as an esteemed pediatric
10 hematologist and oncologist embodies the full spirit and core
11 principals of the Hawaii Healthcare Heroes program through
12 unwavering care and devotion to his community and by exhibiting
13 great resiliency and fortitude on behalf of his patients; and

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15 WHEREAS, Dr. Darryl Glaser's unwavering care is most
16 apparent in the case of Rezen Davis, who was diagnosed at the
17 age of seven with severe aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder.
18 From assembling Rezen's team of professionals and guiding her
19 through the complicated process of hospitalizations, clinic
20 visits, treatment session to checking in on Rezen on his days-
21 off and on vacation, earning the name "Dr. G" for grandpa; and

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23 WHEREAS, as a home infusion nurse, Renee Kojima, symbolizes
24 the Hawaii Healthcare Heroes mission of going above and beyond
25 the call of duty when caring for her patients while representing
26 her community and neighbors; and

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28 WHEREAS, Renee Kojima dedication to her patients is
29 exemplified by her work with David Olmos, a retired veteran
30 diagnosed with gastroesophageal reflux disease and failure to
31 thrive; and

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33 WHEREAS, during Renee Kojima visits she was able to make
34 critical medical referrals for David, which included a scabbing
35 intravenous line that need attention to avoid infection; severe
36 abdominal pain that ended in appendicitis and removal of the
37 organ and noticing extremely high blood pressure which resulted
38 in a 30-day hospital admission for pneumonia, COVID-19, a blood
39 clot and hemoglobin; and

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1 WHEREAS, Renee Kojima's attentive care helped shift David's
2 viewpoint on his medical situation which shifted to being driven
3 and thankful for each day; and
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5 WHEREAS, as a registered nurse in obstetrics at Hilo
6 Benioff Medical Center on Hawaii Island, Karen Oskins, empathy,
7 unwavering care and devotion to her patients and their families
8 leaves an indelible mark for those under her robust care
9 solidifying her as a Hawaii Healthcare Hero; and
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11 WHEREAS, Sarah Kahelelani Hatsue Kuma work as a registered
12 nurse demonstrates a tireless and selfless approach to
13 healthcare by supporting her patients through the ups and downs
14 of their healthcare journey solidifying that no one is more
15 deserving of the Hawaii Healthcare Hero award; and
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17 WHEREAS, Sarah Kahelelani Hatsue Kuma, support of her
18 patients is exemplified by the selfless care she demonstrated
19 while caring for Ashton Hirai on a day-to-day basis which
20 included singing to him, playing music, taking him on walks and
21 making each day enjoyable; and
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23 WHEREAS, when Ashton unexpectedly went into cardiac arrest
24 and was rushed to Queen's Medical Center - West Oahu, and
25 Ashtons parents were on the mainland, Sarah Kahelelani Hatsue
26 Kuma immediately joined Ashton at the hospital and spent the
27 night with him without a second thought. She continued to
28 provide the parents with continual updates from his emergency
29 room admittance to the ICU through texts, pictures and even
30 providing a way for Ashton to hear his mother's voice through
31 the phone; and
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33 WHEREAS, Ashton's parents eventually made it back to Hawaii
34 in time to say goodbye to their loving son with the knowledge
35 that Sarah Kahelelani Hatsue Kuma had been there to comfort
36 Ashton during this tragic time; and
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38 WHEREAS, Karen Oskins devotion and kind heart is most
39 unmistakable in her care of baby Leila Yamashita when she
40 volunteered to give her a bath ahead of her discharge during a
41 slow day in the nurse wing; and



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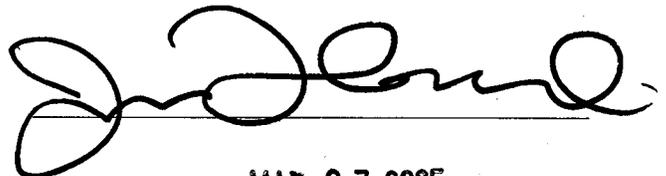
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WHEREAS, during this routine bath, Karen Oskins suspected that Leila had developed a serious intestinal malformation which required transportation to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children on Oahu since there were no pediatric surgeons available; and

WHEREAS, Karen Oskins continued to monitor Leila as she waited for the emergency medical transport to Oahu and provided continual reassurance and comfort to the Yamashita family through each step, which include months in the neonatal intensive care unit and eventual discharge; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that this body hereby congratulates, Trevor Fujisaka, Renee Kojima, Karen Oskins, Derryl Glaser and Sarah Kahelelani Hatsue Kuma on being selected by their patients as Healthcare Heroes of Hawaii and applauds them for their commitment to providing excellent and life changing care and extends to them its best wishes for continued success in the future.

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