
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. JAMI FUKUI; SHON MORISHIGE, RN; KYLE OHISA, PA-C; DR. PARWATHI PANIKER; AND DR. LINDA WONG FOR BEING SELECTED BY THEIR PATIENTS AS 2025 HAWAII HEALTHCARE HEROES AND RECOGNIZING THEM FOR THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE, LIFE-CHANGING CARE.

1 WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii has been the
2 leading voice of healthcare in Hawai'i since 1939; during a time
3 of unprecedented change in healthcare, it is committed to
4 working with providers across the continuum of care toward a
5 healthcare system that offers the best possible quality of care
6 to the people of Hawai'i; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii incorporates
9 over 170 member organizations, including acute care hospitals,
10 public and private skilled nursing facilities, type II adult
11 residential care homes, Medicare-certified home health agencies,
12 hospices, assisted living facilities, and pharmacies across
13 Hawai'i; and
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15 WHEREAS, since its inception in 2014, the Hawaii Healthcare
16 Heroes Program honors healthcare professionals who are nominated
17 every year by patients and have provided exemplary and life-
18 changing care to patients across the State; this program
19 highlights the importance of healthcare workers and serves as an
20 opportunity for patients to recognize and honor individuals who
21 have rendered extraordinary care; and
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23 WHEREAS, a dedicated medical oncologist specializing in
24 breast cancer and clinical trials at Kapi'olani Medical Center
25 for Women & Children, DR. JAMI FUKUI exemplifies the highest
26 standard of care through her steadfast commitment to her
27 patients, embodying the spirit of a Hawaii Healthcare Hero; and
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1 WHEREAS, DR. JAMI FUKUI's dedication to her patients was
2 most evident when she delivered difficult and frightening news
3 to Lynn Enright - that her mammogram revealed an aggressive form
4 of breast cancer; and

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6 WHEREAS, DR. JAMI FUKUI was a steady, reassuring presence
7 during the hardest time of Lynn's life; providing guidance that
8 went well beyond standard medical advice; and

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10 WHEREAS, as an oncologist involved in cancer research, DR.
11 JAMI FUKUI is honored to help cancer patients like Lynn overcome
12 the greatest of challenges and live productive lives; always
13 humble, she credits her collaboration with the Kapi'olani Medical
14 Center for Women & Children, University of Hawai'i Cancer Center,
15 and University Health Partners of Hawai'i for helping her
16 succeed; and

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18 WHEREAS, a registered nurse at REHAB Hospital of the
19 Pacific, SHON MORISHIGE embodies the full spirit and core
20 principles of the Hawaii Healthcare Heroes Program by exhibiting
21 unwavering resilience and fortitude on behalf of his patients;
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24 WHEREAS, SHON MORISHIGE's dedication to his patients was
25 especially evident in his work with Im Muller, who endured four
26 spinal surgeries, septic shock in 2021, and diabetic
27 ketoacidosis and pneumonia in 2022; and

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29 WHEREAS, throughout these severe hardships, SHON MORISHIGE
30 consistently supported Im's recovery; helping her improve in a
31 way others could not, his effervescent personality uplifts and
32 inspires all who interact with him; and

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34 WHEREAS, being able to guide Im through some of the most
35 challenging moments of her life reaffirms for SHON MORISHIGE the
36 reasons he chose this profession; this reaffirmation reflects
37 not only his own dedication, but also the collective efforts of
38 the entire REHAB Hospital of the Pacific team who work
39 tirelessly to support their patients; and
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1 WHEREAS, as a neurology physician assistant at Pali Momi
2 Medical Center, Hawai'i Pacific Health Medical Group, KYLE OHISA
3 represents what it means to be a Hawaii Healthcare Hero, going
4 above and beyond the call of duty when caring for patients; and
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6 WHEREAS, providing quality healthcare is a core mission and
7 calling for KYLE OHISA, who has always aspired to give back to
8 the community that nurtured him; his empathy and genuine concern
9 for others fueled his care of Travis Masuhara, a patient who was
10 born with a heart defect and has endured almost insurmountable
11 challenges; and
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13 WHEREAS, under KYLE OHISA's attentive care, Travis, now 44
14 years old, is visibly healthier, more alert, and profoundly
15 happier; each day, the Masuhara family expresses immense
16 gratitude for KYLE OHISA's steadfast and compassionate care; and
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18 WHEREAS, KYLE OHISA affirms that healthcare is never a one-
19 person effort, but a collaboration that requires the commitment
20 of everyone involved in a patient's well-being; he remains
21 deeply appreciative of Travis, the Masuhara family, and his team
22 at the Pali Momi Neurology Clinic; and
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24 WHEREAS, a retired dermatologist for the Kaiser Permanente
25 Kona Medical Office on Hawai'i Island, DR. PARWATHI PANIKER's
26 strong sense of empathy, superlative care, and dedication to her
27 patients and their families have left an indelible mark on all
28 she has helped, firmly establishing her as a Hawaii Healthcare
29 Hero; and
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31 WHEREAS, highly skilled in Mohs surgery, DR. PARWATHI
32 PANIKER treated Jill Peter's skin cancer, which extended well
33 beyond what was visible on the surface of her face, and
34 consistently demonstrated exceptional patient-centered care by
35 making herself available whenever concerns arose, even during
36 her busiest days; and
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38 WHEREAS, when Jill later faced multiple new skin cancers on
39 her face and chest, DR. PARWATHI PANIKER thoughtfully addressed
40 all the concerns at once, sparing Jill from multiple surgeries
41 and ensuring a single, streamlined recovery; and



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2 WHEREAS, DR. PARWATHI PANIKER credits the many quiet yet
3 meaningful heroic acts of support from her colleagues and the
4 Mohs team at the Kaiser Permanente Kona Medical Office, whose
5 collective efforts helped create an environment in which she
6 could deliver exceptional surgical care with kindness and
7 compassion; and

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9 WHEREAS, a talented general surgeon and transplant surgeon
10 at The Queen's Medical Center, DR. LINDA WONG's sense of empathy
11 was reflected in the care she provided to Martin Tran, a patient
12 who was diagnosed with an aggressive splenic mass; and

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14 WHEREAS, DR. LINDA WONG immediately stepped in to provide
15 the facts and reassurance Martin needed when he was experiencing
16 one of the most frightening moments of his life; prior to
17 surgery, she prepared Martin physically, medically, and
18 emotionally and through patience and clear communication, she
19 answered Martin's questions and explained the risks, leaving
20 Martin feeling informed and safe; and

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22 WHEREAS, DR. LINDA WONG did not simply perform a procedure,
23 she saved Martin's life and restored his drive to move forward
24 and overcome all of life's challenges; her actions embody the
25 very essence of what it means to be a Hawaii Healthcare Hero;
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28 WHEREAS, DR. LINDA WONG is honored and privileged to
29 represent the many Hawaii Healthcare Heroes who work with equal
30 dedication but do not always receive the recognition they
31 deserve; now, therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
35 of 2026, that this body hereby congratulates DR. JAMI FUKUI;
36 SHON MORISHIGE, RN; KYLE OHISA, PA-C; DR. PARWATHI PANIKER; and
37 DR. LINDA WONG for being selected by their patients as 2025
38 Hawaii Healthcare Heroes, recognizes them for their unwavering
39 dedication to providing compassionate, life-changing care, and
40 extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued
41 success in all future endeavors.



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