
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND HONORING ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU FOR HIS MANY YEARS
OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAWAI'I'S LEGAL COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU has devoted decades of his
2 professional life to supporting Hawai'i's legal community through
3 education, mentorship, and service; and
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5 WHEREAS, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU grew up in Kaimukī and went
6 on to graduate from Tufts University in 1962, eventually earning
7 his law degree from the Boston University School of Law in 1965;
8 committed to strengthening and improving the practice of law, he
9 returned to Hawai'i to begin his professional career; and
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11 WHEREAS, early in his career, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU worked
12 in the Hawai'i office of United States Representative Cecil
13 Heftel, gaining valuable experience in public service and
14 observing the impact of lawmaking on the broader community; and
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16 WHEREAS, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU went on to help establish
17 the first continuing legal education program at the University
18 of Hawai'i's law school, before it was named the William S.
19 Richardson School of Law; he also taught legal writing, helping
20 to prepare future attorneys through instruction that emphasized
21 clarity, professionalism, and well-reasoned legal analysis; and
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23 WHEREAS, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU later founded the Pacific
24 Law Institute, a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to
25 providing continuing legal education programs for attorneys
26 throughout Hawai'i; and
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28 WHEREAS, helping attorneys to remain informed and uphold
29 the highest standards of the profession, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU
30 organized numerous seminars that addressed emerging legal
31 issues, professional responsibility, and ethics; and




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WHEREAS, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU also supported the Court Annexed Arbitration Program by providing education and training for attorneys participating in this important alternative dispute resolution program; and

WHEREAS, in addition, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU provided attorneys with accessible insights into important appellate rulings by summarizing and analyzing decisions of the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals and the Hawai'i Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, through his decades of work in support of legal education and professional development, ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU has been instrumental in guiding and mentoring generations of attorneys in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, that this body hereby commends and honors ROBERT "BOB" TOYOFUKU for his many years of service and contributions to Hawai'i's legal community and extends to him its warmest aloha and sincere appreciation for his leadership and commitment to improving the legal profession in the State of Hawai'i.

OFFERED BY: 
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