
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING TUMUA TUINEI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A LEADING FIGURE IN HAWAI'I'S ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY, HIS COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I TO SUPPORT YOUTH WELLNESS, AND HIS POSITIVE, FAR-REACHING SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE THAT UPLIFTS AND PERPETUATES HAWAI'I'S CULTURE WHILE BRINGING LAUGHTER TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I.

1 WHEREAS, TUMUA TUINEI, born on January 21, 1996, in
2 Honolulu, O'ahu, grew up surrounded by the values of family,
3 humility, and hard work that shaped his early life and future
4 career, and from a young age demonstrated a natural ability to
5 connect with others through humor, relatability, and a deep
6 appreciation for Hawai'i's local culture; and
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8 WHEREAS, TUMUA TUINEI, the son of Tom and Louise Tuinei of
9 Honolulu, O'ahu, graduated from Punahou School in the Class of
10 2014, and followed a path inspired by athletic excellence by
11 enrolling at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he majored
12 in Communicology with a minor in Theatre while excelling as a
13 Division I defensive back for the University of Hawai'i Rainbow
14 Warriors football team from 2014 to 2018, demonstrating
15 perseverance, discipline, and leadership throughout his
16 collegiate career; and
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18 WHEREAS, TUMUA TUINEI discovered his passion for comedy
19 while attending UH Mānoa, taking a stand up class that led to
20 his first performance at Anna O'Brien's comedy club; balancing
21 the demands of being a student athlete, he continued to refine
22 his craft at local venues throughout Honolulu, eventually
23 headlining his first show before an audience of more than 300
24 attendees and steadily developing the comedic voice that would
25 define his career, and later rose to prominence during the COVID
26 19 pandemic through his humorous, local style sketches on social
27 media, creating content that resonated deeply with Hawai'i



1 residents and the broader Polynesian community and expanding his
2 reach across multiple platforms, including Instagram, Facebook,
3 TikTok, and YouTube, where he amassed more than 700,000
4 followers who connected with his authenticity, cultural insight,
5 relatable humor, and vibrant personality; and

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7 WHEREAS, TUMUA TUINEI extended his impact beyond
8 entertainment in 2021 by partnering with the Hawai'i Department
9 of Health to support its TeenLink Hawai'i public awareness
10 campaign, using his comedy and recognizable style to strengthen
11 youth resources statewide, promote wellness and mental health,
12 encourage positive communication within families, and make
13 important information more accessible to teens and caregivers,
14 and has since emerged as one of Hawai'i's most prominent
15 contemporary comedians, selling out major venues across the
16 state, including 18 sold out shows at Blue Note Hawai'i in 2021
17 and multiple sold out nights at the Blaisdell Concert Hall, and
18 expanding nationally and internationally through a 2024 tour
19 that reached 24 cities, 14 states, 5 islands, and 2 countries,
20 while releasing two stand up specials, Strictly Aloha and Talk
21 Story: The Crowd Work Special, earning widespread acclaim and
22 further solidifying his impact on modern Hawai'i entertainment;
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25 WHEREAS, TUMUA TUINEI, supported by his wife, Rachael
26 Ostovich, with whom he shares a profound commitment to family,
27 culture, and community, and together they welcomed their
28 daughter, Dovey Pearl Tali'ilani Tuinei, on May 15, 2024,
29 strengthening their 'ohana and deepening their dedication to
30 raising their child with aloha and pride in her Hawaiian
31 heritage; 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 Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2026, hereby commends TUMUA TUINEI for his achievements in
36 comedy and entertainment, recognizes his rise from a young local
37 athlete to a nationally touring comedian who has brought pride,
38 laughter, and a renewed sense of cultural identity to audiences
39 across Hawai'i and beyond, acknowledges his commitment to public
40 service through impactful partnerships such as the TeenLink



1 Hawai'i campaign, celebrates his role as a cultural ambassador
2 whose work preserves and uplifts Hawai'i's humor, language, and
3 community spirit, and honors his dedication to family as a
4 husband and father who carries forward the values of aloha,
5 humility, and 'ohana, and extends its sincere appreciation for
6 his admirable efforts to uplift Hawai'i's culture, community, and
7 spirit through humor, creativity, hard work, and a heartfelt
8 commitment to the people of Hawai'i.

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