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Aloha,

It has been a busy few weeks at the Capitol. I was recently appointed as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and we have begun our Illegal Fireworks Task Force meetings. Ways and Means Committee held several meetings during this interim, focusing on DOT.

The Senate had two special sessions for confirmation of judicial appointments by the Governor and outgoing Chief Justice Moon. I spent time interviewing our judicial Nominees. During the first special session the Senate confirmed Judges Jeannette Castagnetti and Judge Faauuga To'oto'o, to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit and Judges Sherri-Ann Iha, Steven Nakashima, Matthew Viola, and Michael Tanigawa to the District Court of the First Circuit. During the second special session the Senate confirmed Judge Blaine Kobayashi, to the District Court of the Second Circuit and Supreme Court Justice Mark Recktenwald as Chief Justice of the State of Hawai'i Supreme Court.

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of meeting with new Mililani Mauka Middle School Principal, Elynne Chung. They are planning to return to a 4-track program in order to meet the new instructions days and hours requirements beginning with the 2011 school year.

Thank you for the privilege of serving our community.

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,

Aloha Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon

We said aloha to Chief Justice Ronald Moon after 17 years as the Chief Justice. As the leader of our third branch of government, Chief Justice Moon was the first Chief Justice of Korean descent. He focused on measures to elevate public trust and confidence in the judicial system.

In his honor, the new Kapolei Judiciary Complex was renamed the Ronald T. Y. Moon Judiciary Complex on August 27, 2010. The Honorable Wallace Jefferson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and President of the Conference of Chief Justices, was in attendance to present the Harry L. Carrico Award. This award honors a Chief Justice who has inspired, sponsored, promoted or led an innovation or accomplishment of national significance in the field of judicial administration. An example of this commitment was the creation of the American with Disabilities Act Resource Center for State Courts with the National Center for State Courts which Judge Moon chaired for 15 years. He also worked on judicial diversity education in coordination with the National Judicial

Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald Took the Oath of Office on September 14, 2010



Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon Served as Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court retired on September 4, 2010



College and developed a model EEO/diversity plan for state courts. Mahalo, CJ, for the many ways in which you have served our community.

Congratulations to Hawai'i's fifth Chief Justice, Mark E. Recktenwald. He was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on September 2, 2010, and sworn in on September 14, 2010. Appointed to the Hawai'i Supreme Court last year, Chief Justice Recktenwald previously served as the Director of the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He also served as a Judge in the Intermediate Court of Appeals for 2 years prior to that appointment.

Mililani Mauka Students Visit the Capitol

It is always a special treat when students from the Senate district 17 visit the Capitol. It is especially nice to see them learning about the Legislature and the Judiciary. Senator Kidani and Representative Marilyn Lee spoke to the students about the State Legislature and the difference between rules and laws.

The students also answered questions about the State of Hawai'i to receive uncirculated Hawai'i state quarters from Senator Kidani.

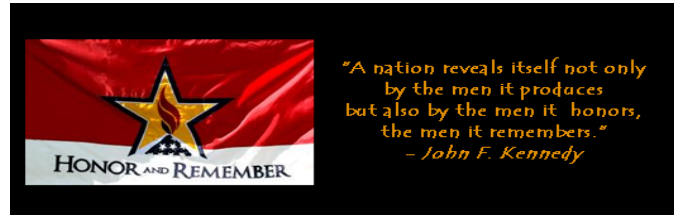


Eagle Court of Honor Tyler Suwa & Sean Watase

Out of thousands of Scouts worldwide less than 5% of them ever achieve the level of Eagle Scout. For that reason, I would like to congratulate Tyler Suwa and Sean Watase on earning this milestone.

Tyler Suwa earned 21 merit badges and had to complete an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project to attain his rank of Eagle Scout. He planned and coordinated the construction of a recycling shed for the disadvantaged teens in the Wahiawa Store Front High Core Program. The funds raised by recycling will be used by the teachers to purchase school supplies and fund other needs of the students in this program.

Sean Watase earned 24 merit badges and also had to complete a Leadership project. He chose to plan and coordinate the improvement of Helemano Elementary School in Whitmore Village, Wahiawa. His finished project helped the students in Helemano Elementary to have a safe place to play and go to school. Good Job!



Honor & Remember Flag

In the more than 200 years of our nation's history there has never been an officially recognized symbol that reminds us daily of the sacrifices made by members of our military and the lives lost in service to our country. Until now. The Honor and Remember organization has launched a national campaign to create an emblem with which every patriotic American can acknowledge daily the ultimate price of Freedom.

The Honor and Remember Flag recognizes all individuals who have died as a result of serving in the United States military dating back to the founding of our Nation. The flag serves as a symbol of national gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of American men and women who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. The flag also helps to promote healing for the thousands of families that deserve recognition for the sacrifice of a loved one. It will be a nationally recognized reminder to all Americans of the value of each individual life given for our freedom.

The organization's goal is for the flag to be sanctioned congressionally and militarily as a permanent symbol to fly continuously in eternal honor and remembrance of fallen military service men and women.

~excerpt from Honor and Remember brochure

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Senator Kidani with Legislators, families & special guests during the Hawai'i dedication of the Honor & Remember Flag

Congratulations Waipi'o Little League All Star Champions! Besides their awesome baseball skills, they were a wonderful representation of Aloha to the millions of people who watched these fine young men during Little League championship games last month. Manager Brian Yoshii and Coaches Jason Heleski and Kiha Akau, as well as all the parents and families are to be commended for their determination and support.

Our Mililani and Central Oahu community have done exceptionally well in various competitions this year. The young women of **Po'okela** also did an outstanding job in bringing home the national title of 14 & Under B-Division Western National Champions.

Also bringing home titles were **Wahiawa Bobby Sox** – National Tournament of Champions, **Central Oahu Boys Baseball Team** – The United States Specialty Sport Association World Series, **Central Oahu Wahine Softball Team** – The Diamond of Dreams Hall of Fame, **Abunai Soccer Team** – U.S. Club National Cup Champions, **Keoni Adric, Jr.** – Golden Gloves Champion and Ringside National Champion and **Stephen J. Mau** – High School Division Chess Team Co-Champion and 9th grade Champion for the State Scholastic Chess Championship. Congratulations everyone, you make us proud!

Pictures from the Parade of Champions in Waipi'o on September 12th 2010

Waipi'o Little League Team



(not in order) Kaho'ea Akau, Shiloh Baniaga, Kaimana Bartolome, Matthew Campos, Ty DeSa, Ezra Heleski, Dane Kaneshiro, Tyler Kushima, Cody Maltezo, Justice Nakagawa, Ke'olu Ramos, Noah Shackles, Brysen Yoshii, Coaches - Brian Yoshii, Kiha Akau and Jason Heleski with Senator Kidani

Ladies from Po'okela & Family



(not in order) Po'okela players & Coaches: Lawrence Antolin and Wendell Au, Tracy Cordero, Ed Valdez, Curt Williams, Ivan DeFreitas, Sheary Labasan, Levi Alo, and Russell Mochizuki; team members, Jade Valdez, Sissy Antolin, Irene Kuikahi, Kayla Mizo, Chenoa Au, Kamalani Dung, Kylie-Ann Bello, Ka'ua Fabella, Jocelyn Alo, Tazha Cordero, Shevan DeFreitas, Tara Dumlao, Kayla Ranit and Shearyna Labasan

Golden Gloves Champion- Keoni Adric, Jr.



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Wahiawa Bobby Sox



Manager Myra Chinen, Coaches; Robert Chinen, Jeremy Keli‘ikoa, and Michael Calizo, and Chaperone Melanie Nistal; Players, Bailey Akimseu, Mahealani Calizo, Caryn Chinen, Kaylen Kamelamela, Jerae Keli‘ikoa, Setsuko Kimura, Gwen Maeha, Danielle Maxwell, Staisa Micky, Kaena Nistal and Alo Sala



Central Oahu Wahine Softball



Coaches Jerel Espiritu, Lauren Hirano, Troy Hirano, Eric Ige, and Daniel "Rosie" Rosado; team members, Tiana Cantero-Kawelo, Mahina Chong, Alyssa Espiritu, Tamia Hirano, Shayna Ige, Taylor Kashiwabara, Nicole Lopez, Kayla Magbaleta, Alexia Nono, Markie Okamoto, Kayla Ozawa, Colby Rosado, Kailee Russell, Raven Sapla and Breani Simpson



Central Oahu Boys - USSSA World Series



Manager Darren Uchima and assistant Coaches, Elton Saito, Dan Maekawa and Trenton Kubo; players, Ladd Ah Choy, Tanner Atiburcio, Braden Goto, Trevor Hirano, Royce Hirayama, Trayson Kubo, Jacob Maekawa, McKenzie Milton, Cody Rilling, Chazdyn Quebral-Acosta, Owen Saito, Brendan Uchima, and Trey Yukumoto



Abunai Soccer Team



Head Coach Darrin Goo, Coach Andrea Toner, Coach Jon Morikawa and Team Manager Julie Sagami and Players; Zachary Carvalho, Tyler Matas, Jarin Morikawa, Cameron Metz; Jensen Toner, Kazuto Moribe, Renato Torquato, Leo Klink, Matthew Fronda, Kouri Nago and Micah Cabagbag

