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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING WEST HAWAII EXPLORATIONS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
FOR RECEIVING THE 2005 INTEL AND SCHOLASTIC SCHOOLS OF  
DISTINCTION AWARD.

1           WHEREAS, WEST HAWAII EXPLORATIONS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
2 (WHEAPCS) was established in 1993 as a fully accredited public charter  
3 school in Kona's Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, and  
4 today has an enrollment of 155 students from the seventh to twelfth  
5 grade, 20 percent of which are at-risk children; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the vision of WHEAPCS is to cultivate critical thinkers  
8 who are able to solve complex, real world problems, and participate as  
9 responsible citizens who value stewardship and collaboration through  
10 hand-on projects that extend beyond the classroom, with an emphasis on  
11 science; and  
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13           WHEREAS, with the help of mentoring by nearby scientists and  
14 entrepreneurs and accessibility to various community resources,  
15 WHEAPCS students develop real-world, long-term projects and perform  
16 research, exemplifying the ideal of national efforts to develop  
17 educational alternatives to the traditional school model; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the Intel and Scholastic Schools of Distinction Award  
20 recognizes K-12 schools across the nation that demonstrate excellence  
21 in implementing innovative, replicable programs and showcase the  
22 effective use of technology, the benefits of strong teamwork, and the  
23 development of excellent classroom teachers, resulting in positive  
24 educational outcomes; and  
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26           WHEREAS, from a field of 3,300 applicants, WHEAPCS was selected  
27 to be in the group of 20 finalists that each received a 2005 Intel and  
28 Scholastic Schools of Distinction Award, and is the first Hawaii  
29 school to achieve such an honor; and  
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31           WHEREAS, as a result of its accomplishments, WHEAPCS was  
32 invited to present its best practices at the Blue Ribbon Schools  
33 Conference in South Carolina in December 2005; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
of 2006, that this body hereby honors and commends the students,  
faculty, and staff of WEST HAWAII EXPLORATIONS ACADEMY PUBLIC  
CHARTER SCHOOL for their outstanding efforts and achievements in  
education, and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes  
for continued success.

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