
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ACKNOWLEDGING NEVA REGO FOR HER LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO PERFORMANCE AND THE ARTS, BOTH AS A SINGER AND A TEACHER, AND APPLAUDING HER AS A RECENT RECIPIENT OF THE "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARTS AND LETTERS.

1 WHEREAS, NEVA REGO, born and raised in Kaimuki, O'ahu,
2 heard an operatic aria on the radio and fell in love with opera
3 at a very early 7 years old; and
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5 WHEREAS, after studying under the tutelage of numerous
6 voice instructors locally, NEVA REGO traveled to San Francisco's
7 Music Conservatory to further train and mature her soprano voice
8 and to find the Italian technique she longed to learn; and
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10 WHEREAS, unable to find the right technique at the
11 Conservatory, NEVA REGO returned to the islands and found
12 employment as a performer at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and by
13 working a day job and performing at night, she was able to save
14 enough money to pursue her dream and relocated to Milan, Italy,
15 to study at the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory, and to find the
16 right instructor to teach her a specific style; and
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18 WHEREAS, she finally succeeded when hearing a gorgeous
19 soprano at a La Scala Concert, her search finally bringing her
20 to a signora who could teach her and fulfill her dreams; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 1980, NEVA REGO returned to Hawaii and opened
23 the Bel Canto School of Singing where she now had the
24 opportunity to share her love of singing and opera with others,
25 and throughout the years, her outstanding talent as a voice
26 teacher and her dedication to opera, has provided the foundation
27 for many others to find their own success in the profession that
28 provided her with so many rewards; and
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1 WHEREAS, she successfully taught numerous students, of
2 which 16 have become Miss Hawaii's, and 2 have become Miss
3 America's; and
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5 WHEREAS, NEVA REGO continues to dedicate her time and
6 effort in the music arena even today, as a board member at
7 Sacred Hearts where she graduated, and is also a supporter of
8 students attending Roosevelt High School who are studying opera;
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11 WHEREAS, NEVA REGO volunteers with the annual Miss America
12 Pageant, is also instrumental in securing and coordinating
13 musical entertainment throughout the year for political
14 gatherings, gives her time and support to the Hawaii Opera
15 Theater, including serving as a Board of Director, and as a
16 Committee Member with the Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts Bill
17 Murata Memorial Scholarship, and is also a Board of Director
18 with the National Society of Arts and Letters where she has also
19 served as an Honorary Chapter member since 1981; and
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21 WHEREAS, NEVA REGO was recognized as the 1997 Treasure of
22 Kaimuki by the Mayor of Honolulu, and the Honolulu City Council
23 paid tribute to her in 2002 for her lifelong commitment to
24 opera; and
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26 WHEREAS, in 2003, she was honored as a "distinguished
27 alumni" of Sacred Hearts Academy, and co-chaired her alma
28 mater's scholarship fundraising gala in 2005; and
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30 WHEREAS, Neva Rego was awarded an "Excellence in Education"
31 award in 2005 at the National Society of Arts and Letters 2005
32 National Conference held here in Hawai'i at the Royal Hawaiian
33 Hotel, marking the first time the Society had ever bestowed such
34 an honor to one of its' own; and
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36 WHEREAS, the recipient of this award is someone who has
37 willingly donated greatly to the community in the areas of Arts
38 and Letters; now, therefore,
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
41 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular



1 Session of 2006, that NEVA REGO be duly recognized and applauded
2 for her exemplary dedication to teaching and for sharing her
3 gift of song with so many others, both here in the State of
4 Hawai`i and abroad, and finally, to congratulate her on her
5 "Excellence in Education" award she recently received from her
6 peers.

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