
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING SHERI KOJIMA AS THE 2006 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND COLLEEN UEJO, JOANNE FUJITA-OSHIRO, MAKANOE KAWASAKI, EVELYN OSHIMA, LINDA YONEMURA, AND RYNE TERAQ AS THE 2006 HAWAII STATE DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, in light of the more prevalent attention given to
2 our public education system, it is always a pleasure and
3 privilege for the House of Representatives to recognize those
4 exceptional people who have taken on the great responsibility of
5 educating our youth, and have achieved great success in doing
6 so; and

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8 WHEREAS, SHERI KOJIMA, Hawaii's 2006 Teacher of the Year,
9 encourages students to look within themselves and search for
10 their own personal strengths, talents, skills, and abilities, as
11 she serves as the business education teacher and advisor to her
12 students at Waiakea High School; and

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14 WHEREAS, COLLEEN UEJO, the 2006 Honolulu District Teacher
15 of the Year, has provided exemplary service as a special
16 education teacher at Linapuni Elementary School, and became a
17 teacher because of her love of children and her earnest desire
18 to teach them the skills they need to get them through life; and

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20 WHEREAS, JOANNE FUJITA-OSHIRO, the 2006 Central District
21 Teacher of the Year, wanted to be a teacher since kindergarten
22 and in accomplishing that goal, has experienced a rewarding and
23 fulfilling career as a first grade teacher at Helemano
24 Elementary School; and

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26 WHEREAS, MAKANOE KAWASAKI, the 2006 Leeward District
27 Teacher of the Year, is a first grade Hawaiian immersion teacher
28 at Waiiau Elementary School, works mentoring inservice teachers
29 and considers it a triumph when university students gain an
30 understanding of teaching excellence because she knows that not



1 only has she affected their lives but the lives of their
2 students as well; and

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4 WHEREAS, EVELYN OSHIMA, the 2006 Windward District Teacher
5 of the Year, is a second grade teacher at Puohala Elementary
6 School and continues to teach because she still experiences the
7 joy of teaching and holds on to the personal desire to see her
8 students grow intellectually and socially; and

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10 WHEREAS, LINDA YONEMURA, the 2006 Maui District Teacher of
11 the Year, firmly believes that praise goes a long way in
12 boosting a child's confidence and motivation to perform better,
13 and in her role as the business education teacher at Molokai
14 High School, makes sure to praise students when they have done
15 well both inside and outside of class; and

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17 WHEREAS, RYNE TERAQ, the 2006 Kauai District Teacher of the
18 Year, uses the same 'test and tune' method applied in auto
19 racing to constantly test his students' knowledge and then
20 adjust his own lessons on career and technical education for the
21 students of Kapaa Middle School; and

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23 WHEREAS, through their dedication and commitment to serve
24 Hawaii's children, SHERI KOJIMA, COLLEEN UEJO, JOANNE FUJITA-
25 OSHIRO, MAKANOE KAWASAKI, EVELYN OSHIMA, LINDA YONEMURA, and
26 RYNE TERAQ have proven themselves worthy of being honored as
27 teachers and role models for our Hawaii public school community;
28 now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2006, that this body hereby honors and commends SHERI KOJIMA
33 as the 2006 Hawaii State Teacher Of The Year, and COLLEEN UEJO,
34 JOANNE FUJITA-OSHIRO, MAKANOE KAWASAKI, EVELYN OSHIMA, LINDA
35 YONEMURA, and RYNE TERAQ for their outstanding accomplishments
36 and contributions to public education in Hawaii, and extends to
37 them its sincere mahalo for a job well-done and best wishes for
38 success in all future endeavors.



