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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HAWAII CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL TEAM ON WINNING  
THE 2005 CAL RIPKEN WORLD SERIES.

1           WHEREAS, baseball is America's favorite pastime and enjoyed  
2 by millions of people both young and old; and

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4           WHEREAS, the Cal Ripken Baseball Division, a baseball  
5 league established in 2000 for 4 to 12 year olds, seeks to  
6 provide every youngster the opportunity to play baseball and  
7 have fun; and

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9           WHEREAS, on August 12 - 21, 2005, the Cal Ripken Baseball  
10 Division held its annual World Series tournament in Aberdeen,  
11 Maryland, involving ten United States teams and five  
12 international teams; and

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14           WHEREAS, the Oahu Stars, comprised of players from all  
15 areas of Oahu, represented Hawaii as the HAWAII CAL RIPKEN  
16 BASEBALL TEAM and went undefeated in pool play, advancing to the  
17 United States championship round after soundly defeating six  
18 other teams from the United States; and

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20           WHEREAS, in an edge-of-your-seat thriller against long-time  
21 series champion, Mexico, the HAWAII CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL TEAM  
22 beat Mexico 1-0, and became the 2005 Cal Ripken Baseball World  
23 Series Champions; and

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25           WHEREAS, members of the HAWAII CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL TEAM,  
26 Timothy Arakawa, Ryan Cortez, Jordan DePonte, Jake Fujimoto,  
27 Dylan Goto, Kash Kalohelani, Wilkins Kato, Kalani Lagoc-  
28 Crawford, Kewby Meyer, Gavin Okada, Cory Quiamzon, Christopher  
29 Sekiguchi, Ryan Yamane, and Joseph Yokoi; Manager Gerald Oda;  
30 and Coaches Keith Oda and Staphe Fujimoto, through their  
31 commitment to playing baseball with the aloha spirit, have  
32 brought pride to the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2006, that this body hereby commends and congratulates the  
4 HAWAII CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL TEAM on winning the Cal Ripken World  
5 Series and extends to each member of the team, and the managers  
6 and coaches, its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued  
7 success in all future endeavors.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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