
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE CONTRACT FOR UNION WORKERS AT
THE HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD.

1 WHEREAS, since 1967, the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald* newspaper
2 has operated successfully on the Big Island of Hawaii under
3 collective bargaining agreements with its employee members of
4 the Hawaii Newspaper Guild #117, TNG/CWA Local 39117, Honolulu
5 Typographical Union #37, CWA 14921, and Hawaii Printing &
6 Graphic Communications Union 413-N; and
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8 WHEREAS, the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald* was acquired by the
9 Stephens Group of Arkansas in 1993 and is currently operated by
10 the Stephens Media Group of Las Vegas, Nevada; and
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12 WHEREAS, the proud, hard-working union employees of the
13 *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*, who have not received a pay raise since
14 January 2002, deserve a new contract that respects their
15 important contributions to the success and profitability of the
16 newspaper; and
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18 WHEREAS, the newspaper's current proposals for a new
19 contract, in negotiations that began in November 2004, would
20 freeze workers' wages, cut health care benefits, and jeopardize
21 jobs; and
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23 WHEREAS, the publisher of the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald* refuses
24 to meet with union representatives to discuss matters of
25 importance to the community, the newspaper, and union workers;
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28 WHEREAS, the company has taken measures against union-
29 organized employees in the past, and appears to be preparing to
30 take similar actions in negotiations with *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*
31 employees; and



1 WHEREAS, actions to break the employees union in spirit or
 2 organization would be a dishonor to the fine tradition of labor
 3 rights and protections earned by the hard-working people of
 4 Hawaii throughout the years; and

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 6 WHEREAS, negotiations in any manner other than in good
 7 faith would be to the detriment of the local economy of the Big
 8 Island by taking potential increased wages out of local
 9 circulation and sending them to the mainland as increased
 10 company profits; now, therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2006, that the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald* and its parent company,
 15 Stephens Media Group of Las Vegas, Nevada, are hereby urged to
 16 quickly resolve contract differences with union workers and
 17 offer a fair contract that will preserve the labor-management
 18 relationship that has served the newspaper successfully for
 19 several decades; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional delegation,
 23 Stephens Media Group, Hawaii Newspaper Guild #117, TNG/CWA Local
 24 39117, Honolulu Typographical Union #37, CWA 14921, and Hawaii
 25 Printing & Graphic Communications Union 413-N.

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