
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CASTLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOR RECEIVING THE
COMING UP TALLER AWARD AND BEING NAMED ONE OF THE TOP
AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES.

1 WHEREAS, for more than twenty years, the Castle Performing
2 Arts Center has been producing plays, musicals, and special
3 events, establishing itself as a leader in the performing arts
4 school programs; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Castle Performing Arts Center was recently
7 named one of the top after-school arts programs in the country,
8 receiving the Coming Up Taller Award presented annually by the
9 President's Committee on Arts and Humanities and the National
10 Endowment for the Arts; and
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12 WHEREAS, the award recognizes the outstanding training that
13 the program has provided in singing, dancing, and acting and
14 producing students who excel in their school work; and
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16 WHEREAS, First Lady Laura Bush and Emmy-award winner and
17 Broadway choreographer Debbie Allen presented the award,
18 including a commemorative plaque and a \$10,000 award for the
19 program, to the Castle Performing Arts Center director Karen
20 Meyer and student representative Andrew Johnson, at a White
21 House ceremony on January 25, 2006; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Castle Performing Arts Center was founded in
24 1984 by Ron Bright, acclaimed musical director, for whom the
25 school's Ron Bright Theatre is named. Although retired, "Mr.
26 B", as he is affectionately called by students, continues to be
27 a guest director for the Castle Performing Arts Center; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Center has trained hundreds of students in
30 grades five through twelve, many of whom have become
31 professional actors, singers, dancers, and technicians; now,
32 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
4 of 2006, that this body recognizes and congratulates the members
5 and teachers of the Castle Performing Arts Center on receiving
6 the Coming Up Taller Award and being named one of the top after-
7 school arts programs in the United States, commends and applauds
8 them for their outstanding contributions to the performing arts,
9 and wishes them continued success in all future endeavors.

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