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S.R. NO. 55

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE HA`IKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA BE KNOWN AS THE JEAN SUZUKI CAFETERIA IN HONOR OF FORMER HA`IKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA EMPLOYEE JEAN SUZUKI.

1 WHEREAS, Jean Nobuko Kurahara Suzuki was born in Pa`ia,
2 Maui, on February 28, 1919, and graduated from Maui High School;
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5 WHEREAS, she started her career as a cafeteria manager
6 working at Kealahou, Waiakoa, and Keauhua schools before
7 beginning her long tenure with Ha`iku Elementary School in 1952;
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10 WHEREAS, Jean Suzuki was the cafeteria manager at Ha`iku
11 Elementary School until 1988 and it is believed that her thirty-
12 six years of service to Ha`iku Elementary School make her its
13 longest serving employee; and
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15 WHEREAS, her total cumulative years as cafeteria manager
16 for the various school is forty-four years; and
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18 WHEREAS, Jean Suzuki passed away on January 19, 2006, at
19 Maui Memorial Medical Center; and
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21 WHEREAS, at a recent memorial service held in her honor,
22 mourners, including former students and their children, shared
23 fond memories of Jean Suzuki's meticulous care of the kitchen
24 and the good food that was prepared there; and
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26 WHEREAS, both thrifty and generous, Jean Suzuki nourished
27 the children with midmorning soups prepared with the prior day's
28 leftovers, shared her own children's hand-me-downs with them,
29 and let them share a ride into town with her when she left for
30 the day; and
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32 WHEREAS, many former students remember the homemaking
33 skills that they learned from her; and
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1 WHEREAS, Jean Suzuki graced Ha`iku Elementary School for
2 the last time in 2005, when she worked side-by-side with other
3 volunteers in the kitchen preparing cookies to raise funds for
4 the Ha`iku School Centennial; and

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6 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the Ha`iku Elementary
7 School cafeteria where she dedicated thirty-six years of service
8 be known as the Jean Suzuki cafeteria; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
12 that the Ha`iku Elementary School is requested to dedicate its
13 cafeteria in remembrance of Jean Suzuki and to refer to the
14 cafeteria as the Jean Suzuki cafeteria from this day forward in
15 her honor; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Principal of Ha`iku Elementary
19 School and the Superintendent of Education.
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