
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING EDDIE PU FOR HIS DEDICATION TO
PERPETUATING HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND TRADITIONS.

1 WHEREAS, Eddie Pu is a humble and compassionate individual,
2 an outstanding Hawaiian elder whose reputation as a spiritual
3 and cultural leader is widely known on the island of Maui; and
4

5 WHEREAS, Eddie Pu knows the importance of the aina, the
6 land, where he has spent every working day of his life, first as
7 a lifeguard at a beach in Hana, Maui, then as one of the first
8 park rangers of Oheo Gulch, a series of pools and falls that now
9 form a part of Haleakala National Park; and
10

11 WHEREAS, Eddie Pu has shared a deep love of the land with
12 thousands of residence and visitors and has even saved many
13 lives, including those of the Saudi ambassador and his wife and
14 son, who experienced trouble at Oheo Gulch and were swept out to
15 sea; and
16

17 WHEREAS, Eddie Pu reconnects to the life and energy of the
18 land and his Native Hawaiian ancestors by annually walking the
19 one hundred fifty mile Pi'ilani trail, an ancient trail that
20 encircled the island of Maui and connected villages and heiau
21 scattered on Maui's coastal areas; and
22

23 WHEREAS, Eddie Pu's spiritual trek, which takes him several
24 weeks to complete, has raised awareness of the Pi'ilani Trail's
25 native and endemic plants, archeological sites, artifacts, and
26 burial sites that need to be preserved for the public and future
27 generations; and
28

29 WHEREAS, through his words, actions, and lifestyle, Eddie
30 Pu serves as an excellent role model for the people of Hawaii;
31 now, therefore,
32

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representative of the Twenty-
2 fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, that this body hereby
3 recognizes and honors Eddie Pu for his contributions, efforts,
4 and achievements in perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture and
5 traditions and wishes him continued success in all his future
6 endeavors.

7
8
9
OFFERED BY: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JEA", is written over a horizontal line.