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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING NATASHA KANANI JANINE KAI FOR HER  
OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the future of the State of Hawaii rests in the  
2 hands of our youth, who today face unique and formidable  
3 challenges, and the Legislature is proud to acknowledge the  
4 achievements of those conscientious and energetic youth who  
5 represent the best and brightest of Hawaii's athletes; and  
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7 WHEREAS, NATASHA KANANI JANINE KAI was the pride of Kahuku  
8 High & Intermediate School, where she received four varsity  
9 letters each in soccer and track, as well as two in volleyball  
10 and one each in basketball and cross country; was a two-time  
11 Oahu Interscholastic Association soccer player and a 2001 All-  
12 State player of the year; led the Kahuku Red Raider soccer team  
13 to an OIA division title win; earned state track and field  
14 honors in the 110-meter hurdle high jump and long jump and was a  
15 two-time holder and state champion in the 300-meter hurdles; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii's own NATASHA KANANI JANINE KAI moved on  
18 from the playing fields of Kahuku, Oahu, to become a member of  
19 the University of Hawaii Wahine Soccer Team, and then to become  
20 the first player from Hawaii to ever play for the United States  
21 Women's National Soccer Team, scoring goals in her first two  
22 international appearances and seven goals in her first 22 games;  
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25 WHEREAS, NATASHA KANANI JANINE KAI was first brought into  
26 the United States Women's National Soccer Team with the Under 21  
27 Women's National Soccer Team in 2004, and was the leading scorer  
28 on the team with 12 goals, including six in international  
29 matches; helped lead the Under 21's to a Nordic Cup title in  
30 Iceland, scoring three goals in the tournament, including two  
31 against Germany; was called into her first training camp with  
32 the full Team in February of 2006, and made her first roster for



1 the Algarve Cup; and made her full Team debut at the 2006  
2 Algarve Cup in Portugal, scoring in her first two games against  
3 Denmark and France; and became only the fourth player in Team  
4 history to score in her first two caps; and

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6 WHEREAS, the United States Women's National Soccer Team has  
7 twice won an Olympic Gold Medal and repeatedly won other  
8 international competitions, capturing the hearts of Americans  
9 with its remarkable play and even higher levels of teamwork and  
10 good sportsmanship, and has ushered in a new era of women's  
11 athletics; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2007, that this body hereby recognizes and congratulates  
16 NATASHA KANANI JANINE KAI for her outstanding accomplishments,  
17 and extends to her its warmest aloha and best wishes in all  
18 future endeavors.

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