
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA'S ATHLETICS PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, our island state has a proud tradition of
2 participation and accomplishment in athletics, an activity that
3 brings our families together; teaches our children the values of
4 teamwork, collaboration, and leadership; and fosters
5 relationships within our communities, across our islands, and
6 around the world; and
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8 WHEREAS, the world of college sports and the opportunities
9 it provides are brought home to our children by an array of
10 teams across our state and a diverse roster of student-athletes
11 who represent Hawaii with pride; and
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13 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII has a rich and storied
14 history of accomplishments in collegiate athletics, especially
15 football, diving, baseball, and men's basketball, with a loyal
16 and devoted base of fans both here at home and around the world;
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19 WHEREAS, the year 2007 marks the 35th anniversary of Rainbow
20 Wahine Athletics, a program that has experienced a remarkable
21 evolution culminating in national championships, the development
22 of world-class athletes, and widespread fan support and
23 adoration; and
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25 WHEREAS, in recent years, Rainbow Wahine Athletics has
26 overseen the rebirth of women's track and field, the continued
27 dominance of women's volleyball, and national champions crowned
28 in sailing, swimming, and diving; and
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30 WHEREAS, there are currently more than 200 female student
31 athletes in 12 sports at the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, all of whom
32 contribute to the mission of the Athletic Department at the



1 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII to operate dynamic sports programs that
2 encourage student-athletes in their pursuit of excellence in the
3 realms of academic achievement and athletic competition at the
4 highest levels, provide equal opportunities for male and female
5 students of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and develop and
6 promote sportsmanship and ethical conduct; and
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8 WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII Warrior Football team is
9 led by Head Coach June Jones, considered one of the most
10 prolific offensive minds in the country, who has guided the
11 Warrior Football program through 8 seasons with great success,
12 particularly this past season, for which he earned his second
13 Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year Award; and
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15 WHEREAS, under the tutelage of Coach Jones, the UNIVERSITY
16 OF HAWAII Warrior Football team celebrated a storybook season
17 this past year, earning its first Associated Press Top 25
18 ranking since 1993, and finishing the season with a school
19 record-tying 11 wins, capped off by a resounding 41-24 triumph
20 over Arizona State in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl on December 24,
21 2006, a win that gave Coach Jones his 64th victory, making him
22 the school's all-time winningest coach; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Warrior Football team was led this past season
25 by All-American Quarterback Colt Brennan, who broke or tied 19
26 NCAA records and 26 school records during the 2006 season,
27 including the NCAA single-season record for most touchdown
28 passes with 58, and who was named the 2006 Western Athletic
29 Conference Offensive Player of the Year, finished sixth in the
30 Heisman Trophy voting, and was a finalist for the Davey O'Brien
31 National Quarterback Award; and
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33 WHEREAS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII diver Megan Farrow earned
34 All-American status at the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Swimming
35 and Diving Championships, and also earned honorable mention All-
36 American status at the NCAA Championships in 2005-2006, won the
37 3-meter at the Western Athletic Conference Championships, won
38 the 3-meter at the Big West Shootout, and is the current
39 University of Hawaii record holder on the 3-meter; and



1 WHEREAS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII diver Magnus Frick picked up
2 his second First-Team All-American honor in 2007, placed fifth
3 in the men's 1-meter springboard finals at the 2006 European
4 Swimming Championships, and won both the 1- and 3-meter
5 springboard titles at the 2006 Swedish Nationals, and earned a
6 top 10 performance in the 1-meter at the 2005 World
7 Championships; and

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9 WHEREAS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII diver Mats Wiktorsson placed
10 fourth at the NCAA Championship on the platform, gaining All-
11 American status and earning the highest national finish ever by
12 a UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII male diver or swimmer, and was also
13 honorable mention All-American in the 3-meter at the NCAA's, and
14 was named the Conference USA Diver of the Year, winning both the
15 1-meter and platform, while placing second in the 3-meter, and
16 broke the University of Houston pool record in the 1-meter, and
17 won the platform event at the Zone E Diving Regional, and placed
18 fourth in both the 1- and 3-meter springboard events at the 2006
19 Swedish Nationals, and is the current UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
20 record holder in the 3-meter and platform; and

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22 WHEREAS, the end of an era in UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII Rainbow
23 Warrior basketball was marked this year with the retirement of
24 Head Coach Riley Wallace after a 20-year career with the
25 program, a program he helped resurrect when he came on board in
26 1987 as its 17th head basketball coach, and for which he would
27 become its winningest coach with 334 victories, made possible by
28 a dominating 92-75 win over Boise State in his last home game at
29 the Stan Sheriff Center; and

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31 WHEREAS, Coach Wallace guided the Rainbow Warrior
32 basketball program to 16 winning seasons during his tenure,
33 including the last 8 in a row, two Western Athletic Conference
34 regular-season titles and three WAC tournament championships,
35 three NCAA Tournament appearances and six appearances in the
36 National Invitation Tournament, a record of consistency that
37 never existed in the program's history prior to his arrival, and
38 for which he leaves behind a legacy of excellence and
39 achievement that all Rainbow Warrior athletes--past, present and
40 future--and fans can be proud of; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2007, that this body hereby commends and applauds the
4 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII for its Athletic Program, celebrates the
5 35th Anniversary of Rainbow Wahine Athletics, and congratulates
6 Warrior Football Head Coach June Jones, Quarterback Colt
7 Brennan, Diver Megan Farrow, Diver Magnus Frick, Diver Mats
8 Wiktorsson, and the Rainbow Warrior basketball team led by Head
9 Coach Riley Wallace for their outstanding seasons and
10 accomplishments, and expresses its warmest aloha and best wishes
11 for continued success.
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