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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON  
SCHOOL OF LAW ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING  
WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL  
EDUCATION AND FOR WINNING THE 2006 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
AND POLICY.

1 WHEREAS, the natural beauty of Hawaii that is recognized  
2 throughout the world is also a fragile ecosystem that must be  
3 actively protected and preserved for future generations to  
4 enjoy; and

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6 WHEREAS, it was only appropriate that with its location on  
7 the spectacularly beautiful Hawaiian archipelago, the UNIVERSITY  
8 OF HAWAII WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW establish a  
9 program of environmental law studies; and

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11 WHEREAS, since 1988, the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM has  
12 become a leader in environmental legal education, celebrated not  
13 only for its educational and scholarly components, but for  
14 training generations of outstanding environmental lawyers to  
15 serve their communities; and

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17 WHEREAS, the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM offers a diverse  
18 variety of courses in the field and provides many opportunities  
19 for students to develop practical legal skills through  
20 environmental law motto court teams, externships, pro bono  
21 projects, the Environmental Law Clinic, and summer jobs; and

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23 WHEREAS, students of the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM have  
24 worked with law firms across the nation in state and federal  
25 government offices including the Legislature and U.S. Department  
26 of Justice; public interest law firms and organizations  
27 including Earthjustice; and native Hawaiian interest groups such  
28 as the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; and



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2 WHEREAS, the success of the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM lies  
3 in a high quality of teaching, the vibrancy of its students, and  
4 international programs, as demonstrated by the many achievements  
5 of its outstanding faculty who have garnered national  
6 recognition, and its students who have been involved with the  
7 International Environmental Moot Court Team which has placed in  
8 the top ten in the world at the International Environmental Moot  
9 Court Competition more than once; and

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11 WHEREAS, the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM is also dynamic in  
12 its involvement in the community, initiating beach and stream  
13 cleanups and touring local facilities such as H-Power and the  
14 Tesoro Refinery to learn first-hand about the environmental  
15 industry; and

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17 WHEREAS, the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM has received the  
18 2006 American Bar Association Award for Distinguished  
19 Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy, in recognition of  
20 its fine work and efforts in the field; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2007, that this body hereby commends and  
25 congratulates the UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON  
26 SCHOOL OF LAW ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM for its exceptional work  
27 and achievements in the field of environmental legal education,  
28 and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued  
29 success in all future endeavors.

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