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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR THEIR  
EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, the State has invested greater  
2 resources into addressing the plight of the homeless in our  
3 state; and  
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5 WHEREAS, since 2006, the City and County of Honolulu  
6 embarked on a systematic program of renovating many of it's  
7 beach parks, including Ala Moana Beach Park, Magic Island, and  
8 most recently, Maili Beach Park, displacing many of our homeless  
9 who reside at these parks; and  
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11 WHEREAS, with each park closure and displacement, homeless  
12 individuals invariably find their way to the Leeward Coast,  
13 lacking shelter and hope; and  
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15 WHEREAS, WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH is a nonprofit  
16 organization based in Waianae that is dedicated to arranging  
17 housing for and assisting the homeless, and operated under the  
18 nonprofit organization ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES, INTERNATIONAL for  
19 many years; and  
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21 WHEREAS, since its incorporation in 2002, WAIANAE COMMUNITY  
22 OUTREACH helped find housing for countless people who, through  
23 unfortunate or difficult circumstances, were without shelter;  
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26 WHEREAS, in September of 2006, WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
27 was called upon to manage one of the State's newest shelters for  
28 the homeless at a former military housing building in Kalaeloa;  
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31 WHEREAS, the facility houses 225 people, including more  
32 than 100 children; and



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2 WHEREAS, in 2007, WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, along with  
3 Honolulu Community Action Program, the Waianae Coast  
4 Comprehensive Health Center, Hoomau Ke Ola, and Hale Naau,  
5 partnered with primary contractor U.S. Vets Hawaii, to run the  
6 new emergency transitional shelter for homeless families at the  
7 Waianae Civic Center site; and

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9 WHEREAS, that facility will accommodate 300 people when  
10 fully occupied; and

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12 WHEREAS, KANANI KAAIAWAHIA BULUWAN has worked with WAIANAE  
13 COMMUNITY OUTREACH for over twenty years and serves as the  
14 Executive Director of the organization; and

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16 WHEREAS, SYBOL UELESE has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY  
17 OUTREACH for four years and works as the Program Specialist for  
18 the organization; and

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20 WHEREAS, TULUTULU TOA has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY  
21 OUTREACH for nineteen years and works as the Outreach Specialist  
22 for the organization; and

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24 WHEREAS, LAURA PITOLO has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY  
25 OUTREACH for four years and works as the Program Director for  
26 the organization; and

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28 WHEREAS, KAUI KAPU has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY  
29 OUTREACH for a little over a year and works as the Housing  
30 Specialist for the organization; and

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32 WHEREAS, HAUNANI KALAMA has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY  
33 OUTREACH for a little over a year and works as the Operations  
34 Specialist for the organization; now, therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
38 Session of 2007, that this body recognizes and commends WAIANAE  
39 COMMUNITY OUTREACH for its work and their efforts to assist the  
40 homeless in Hawaii, and offers it's warmest aloha and best  
41 wishes in all of its future endeavors.



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