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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING JAMI MURANAKA AS THE 2007 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND LIZABETH HORII, NAIDAH GAMUROT, BRETT KEWISH, JANICE NAKAGAWA, JUDY LOCKE, AND ALLISON CARVEIRO AS THE 2007 HAWAII STATE DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR, AND KAWANANAKOA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND WAIKIKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE 2007 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in light of the important role the public  
2 education system plays in solidifying Hawaii's future, it is  
3 always a pleasure and privilege for the Hawaii State House of  
4 Representatives to recognize those exceptional people and  
5 institutions that have made significant achievements in  
6 educating and inspiring our state's youth and encouraging and  
7 involving the people of the surrounding communities; and  
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9 WHEREAS, while waiting for acceptance to pharmacy school  
10 after earning a biology degree at the University of California  
11 at Los Angeles, Jami Muranaka returned to Hawaii and began  
12 teaching science at her alma mater, Kaiser High School, where  
13 she fell in love with the profession and her students, chose to  
14 stay, and has recently been named the 2007 Honolulu District  
15 Teacher of the Year and the 2007 Hawaii State Teacher of the  
16 Year; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Horii, since beginning her teaching  
19 career in 1980, has taught each grade, kindergarten through  
20 sixth, at nine different schools until settling in at Mililani  
21 Ike Elementary School where her achievements have been  
22 recognized by being named the 2007 Central District Teacher of  
23 the Year; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Naidah Gamurot started teaching at Campbell High  
26 School in 1981 and taught math, physical education, and  
27 university and community college courses before moving to her



1 current position at Kapolei High School where she has received  
2 recognition for her excellence in teaching by being named the  
3 2007 Leeward District Teacher of the Year; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Brett Kewish's career in teaching took him from  
6 Washington State in 1995 to Kahuku High and Intermediate School  
7 where he has earned the honor of being chosen as the 2007  
8 Windward District Teacher of the Year; and  
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10 WHEREAS, Janice Nakagawa started teaching at Keaukaha  
11 Elementary School in 1980 before teaching kindergarten for the  
12 past 23 years at Waiakeawaena Elementary School and, due to her  
13 dedication and superb performance, has recently been named the  
14 2007 Hawaii District Teacher of the Year; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Kihei Elementary School's Judy Locke also serves  
17 as the lead teacher for the Maui Arts and Cultural Center and  
18 has been acknowledged for her inspiring work as the 2007 Maui  
19 District Teacher of the Year; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Allison Carveiro taught for five Kauai schools  
22 since 1988, and spent five years in the Kauai district office  
23 before taking her current position at Kekaha Elementary School  
24 and in appreciation of her hard work and motivating teaching has  
25 been named as the 2007 Kauai District Teacher of the Year; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Jami Muranaka, Lizabeth Horii, Naidah Gamurot,  
28 Brett Kewish, Janice Nakagawa, Judy Locke, and Allison Carveiro,  
29 through their dedication and commitment to serving the children  
30 in our schools, have proven themselves worthy of being honored  
31 as inspirational teachers and role models for our public school  
32 community; and  
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34 WHEREAS, Kawanānakoā Middle School, a school with more than  
35 40 percent of its students coming from disadvantaged  
36 backgrounds, inspires its students through the cooperation of  
37 its teachers and staff, exemplifying its vision of "Knowledge  
38 and Wisdom with Compassion"; and  
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40 WHEREAS, Moanalua Elementary School is known for its  
41 collaborative efforts to provide an environment that nurtures



1 and develops the whole child and where students are provided  
2 opportunities to be successful in all academic areas; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Waikiki Elementary School's staff encourage school  
5 and community partnerships and offer diverse learning  
6 opportunities including philosophy for children, Japanese  
7 language, creative movement and dance, Hawaiian studies,  
8 computer technology, peer mediation, and reading improvement  
9 programs; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Kawananakoa Middle School, Moanalua Elementary  
12 School, and Waikiki Elementary School were named Hawaii's 2007  
13 Blue Ribbon Schools for making significant progress in closing  
14 the achievement gap and inspiring and guiding its students to  
15 achieve at the highest levels; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2007, that this body hereby recognizes,  
20 congratulates, and honors Jami Muranaka, Lizabeth Horii, Naidah  
21 Gamurot, Brett Kewish, Janice Nakagawa, Judy Locke, and Allison  
22 Carveiro for their outstanding accomplishments and recognition  
23 as Hawaii's 2007 Teachers of the Year, and congratulates and  
24 honors Kawananakoa Middle School, Moanalua Elementary School,  
25 and Waikiki Elementary School as Hawaii's 2007 Blue Ribbon  
26 Schools, and extends to all of them its sincere mahalo for a job  
27 well done; and  
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