
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. JEFFREY AKAKA UPON HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE
OFFICE OF SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AMERICAN
PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION.

1 WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association is a medical
2 specialty society recognized world-wide composed of over 35,000
3 U.S. and international member physicians working together to
4 ensure humane care and effective treatment of all persons with
5 mental disorder, including mental retardation and substance-
6 related disorders; and
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8 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA, son of the late Reverend
9 Abraham Akaka and nephew to U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, is an
10 associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of
11 Hawaii at Manoa's Department of Psychiatry and the medical
12 director of the Diamond Head Community Medical Health Center;
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15 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA joined the American Psychiatric
16 Association in 1992 as a deputy representative of the Caucus of
17 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian
18 Psychiatrists, and since that time, has served the American
19 Psychiatric Association in numerous capacities, including the
20 committee on Public and Community Psychiatry, Procedures, and
21 Planning, the Assembly Executive Committee, the Committee on
22 Government Relations, the Joint Commission on Government
23 Relations, as Area 7's deputy representative, the Joint
24 Reference Committee, as an American Psychiatric Association
25 delegate to the American Medical Association, and as the
26 Assembly's Recorder; and
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28 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA also served on Hawaii's Medical
29 Advisory Board under two different governors, and served on
30 President Clinton's Committee on Mental Retardation; and
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1 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA tirelessly promotes his
2 profession and the provision of mental health services to those
3 requiring this much-needed health care; and
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5 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA not only serves Hawaii in a
6 medical capacity, but also as an Ambassador of Aloha who
7 faithfully promotes Hawaii as a viable location for business-
8 related tourism, such as medical conventions; and
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10 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA helped to secure Honolulu as the
11 location for the American Psychiatric Association's meeting in
12 2011, which is expected to bring 18,000 psychiatrists to the
13 island and generate \$50 million in visitor spending; and
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15 WHEREAS, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA also succeeded in convincing the
16 American Medical Association, an even larger organization, to
17 bring their convention to Hawaii this year; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2006, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA won election as the
20 American Psychiatric Association Assembly's speaker-elect; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 2007, DR. JEFFREY AKAKA will assume the office
23 of Speaker of the American Psychiatric Association's Assembly;
24 now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2007, that this body congratulates DR. JEFFREY AKAKA
29 upon his assumption of the office of Speaker of the Assembly of
30 the American Psychiatric Association.
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