
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
DEDICATE ITS SCHOOL IN HONOR OF MYRON "PINKY" THOMPSON, BY
CHANGING ITS NAME TO THE "MYRON THOMPSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
WORK".

1 WHEREAS, Myron "Pinky" Thompson was a visionary who played
2 a vital role in the establishment of the native Hawaiian health
3 care system, Alu Like, Inc., and the Polynesian Voyaging
4 Society, creating a legacy that continues to live on today; and
5

6 WHEREAS, Pinky earned his bachelor's degree in sociology
7 from Colby College and went on to earn his master's degree in
8 social work from the University of Hawaii; and
9

10 WHEREAS, he served as the State Administrator under
11 Governor John A. Burns; and
12

13 WHEREAS, Pinky also served as the executive director of the
14 Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing, a position
15 through which he gained national recognition fighting for
16 welfare benefits for the people of Hawaii; and
17

18 WHEREAS, Pinky also served as a trustee for the Bishop
19 Estate, during which time he helped to develop early childhood
20 education programs through Kamehameha Schools; and
21

22 WHEREAS, Myron "Pinky" Thompson was an extraordinary
23 individual who made numerous contributions to the native
24 Hawaiian community, to which he will always remain a leader and
25 role model, inspiring future generations; now, therefore,
26

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
29 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of
30 Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents is requested to dedicate the UH
31 School of Social Work in honor of Myron "Pinky" Thompson, by



1 changing the school's name to the "Myron Thompson School of
2 Social Work"; and

3
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in light of Myron "Pinky"
5 Thompson's momentous contributions to the field of social work
6 for the benefit of the entire state and its people, the Board of
7 Regents is requested to consider making an exception to its rule
8 that a UH building or school can be named only if a minimum
9 \$25,000,000 donation is made; and

10
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be placed at the
12 entrance to the School of Social Work that explains Myron
13 "Pinky" Thompson's contributions to UH as well as to the entire
14 state; and

15
16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's
18 congressional delegation, Governor of the State of Hawaii,
19 Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, and
20 Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Social Work.

