
HOUSE 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 helped
2 to create a legacy that continues to live on today; and

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4 WHEREAS, he played a vital role in the establishment of the
5 Native Hawaiian health care system, Alu Like, Inc., and the
6 Polynesian Voyaging Society; and

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

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

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15 WHEREAS, Pinky also served as the Executive Director of the
16 Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing where he gained
17 national recognition fighting for welfare benefits for the
18 people of Hawaii; and

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20 WHEREAS, in addition, Pinky also served as a trustee for
21 the Bishop Estate where he helped to develop early childhood
22 education programs through Kamehameha Schools; and

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24 WHEREAS, Myron "Pinky" Thompson was an extraordinary
25 individual who has made numerous contributions to the Native
26 Hawaiian community where he will always remain a leader and a
27 role model, continuing to inspire future generations of Hawaii's
28 youth; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2008, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents
33 is requested to dedicate the University of Hawaii School of



1 Social Work in honor of Myron "Pinky" Thompson, by changing the
2 school's name to "The Myron Thompson School of Social Work"; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be placed at the
5 entrance to the School of Social Work explaining Myron "Pinky"
6 Thompson's contributions to the University of Hawaii and the
7 State of Hawaii; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
11 Hawaii; the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the Dean of
12 the University of Hawaii School of Social Work; and Hawaii's
13 congressional delegation.
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