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# 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 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  
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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  
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10           WHEREAS, he served as the State Administrator under  
11 Governor John A. Burns; and  
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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  
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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  
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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,  
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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, that the University of Hawaii (UH) Board of  
30 Regents is requested to dedicate the UH School of Social Work in  
31 honor of Myron "Pinky" Thompson, by changing the school's name  
32 to the "Myron Thompson School of Social Work"; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in light of Myron "Pinky"  
2 Thompson's momentous contributions to the field of social work  
3 for the benefit of the entire state and its people, the Board of  
4 Regents is requested to consider making an exception to its rule  
5 that a UH building or school can be named only if a minimum  
6 \$25,000,000 donation is made; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be placed at the  
9 entrance to the School of Social Work that explains Myron  
10 "Pinky" Thompson's contributions to UH as well as to the entire  
11 state; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
15 congressional delegation, Governor of the State of Hawaii,  
16 Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, and  
17 Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Social Work.

