
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KUALOA-HE`EIA ECUMENICAL YOUTH (KEY)
PROJECT ON IT'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, from its inception and during its early years KEY
2 Project operated from within area residences, old store fronts
3 and other sites that preceded its current location, supported in
4 part by the Aloha United Way, assisting the community in
5 addressing social and planning concerns, the high incidence of
6 drug abuse and school dropout rates, the lack of positive
7 educational and recreational alternatives for youth;

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9 WHEREAS, KEY Project has created and slowly expanded
10 programs and services such as a teen canteen, vocational
11 training, sponsorship of annual events for youth, special
12 interest classes for young adults, a canoe club, the Na 'Opio
13 dropout school, a summer fun program, a Mother's program, a
14 federally funded after-school tutoring program, an off-campus
15 tutorial learning center, a farm project, a food bank program
16 and many others; and

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18 WHEREAS, the KEY PROJECT continues, as it approaches its
19 40th Anniversary, to fulfill its mission "to nurture and promote
20 the cultural, environmental, social, economic and recreational
21 well-being of the Kualoa-He'eia area by providing an
22 indispensable grassroots civic resource that effectively serves
23 the needs of our diverse community" operating from a multi-
24 purpose center that opened in 1981, the result of a focused
25 collaboration among government agencies and the community, led
26 by many community leaders including Joe C. Harper; and

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28 WHEREAS, KEY Project's current inter-generational programs
29 touch on a wide array of continuing community needs from its
30 Early Childhood Learning/Parent Support Center to the Na Pua O
31 Kahalu`u Senior Citizens Meals and Activity site and non-school



1 hour positive activities for elementary and teen-aged youth that
2 extend into the evening hours; and

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4 WHEREAS, KEY Project's multi-purpose facility continues to
5 serve as an important crossroad and meeting place for
6 organizations and services, in continual use for community
7 meetings, information and referral services, tax assistance,
8 food distribution, computer classes for adults and youth in
9 collaboration with Castle High School and the Windward School
10 for Adults, family celebrations and community events that,
11 together, encourage positive networking, relationship-building
12 and civic engagement to support Northern Ko'olaupoko, and
13 brought together residents with elected officials, members of
14 City and County agencies and State agencies to better understand
15 and deal with the social, physical, and emotional impacts of
16 crystal meth or "ice," and other social issues within the 96744
17 area of Kane'ohe Bay; and

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19 WHEREAS, KEY Project has sponsored and helped to organize
20 annual events that have become a part of the community fabric
21 including an annual volunteer-driven Thanksgiving imu, in its
22 23rd year, that raises money for a Higher Education Incentive
23 Grant named after one of KEY Project's original organizers and
24 founders, Randy Kalahiki, to encourage area residents to attend
25 college or enroll in professional training programs; an annual
26 Aloha `Aina recycling event each July; and on-going community
27 stewardship and service-learning projects in Waihe`e and
28 adjacent ahupua`a; and

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30 WHEREAS, over the past four decades, the KEY PROJECT has
31 provided a variety of much needed services that have improved
32 the quality of life for so many; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
36 Session of 2008, that the House of Representatives hereby
37 commends and congratulates the KEY PROJECT for providing 40
38 years of service to the children, the elderly, and the families
39 of Hawaii.



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