
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF HOME HEALTH CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, increased health care costs have made home health
2 care a viable and desirable option for many individuals with
3 acute or long-term care needs and is often a better alternative
4 to traditional care, such as hospitalization or placement in a
5 nursing facility; and

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7 WHEREAS, it has been found that home care allows patients
8 to recover more quickly, promotes family independence, is
9 generally less costly than a hospital or skilled nursing
10 facility, and is the preferred choice of individuals needing
11 care, and their families; and

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13 WHEREAS, new medical technologies and specialized services
14 are increasingly available through home care providers,
15 including case management, social worker services, patient and
16 family education, respite care, live-in care, transportation,
17 home infusion pharmacy, and laboratory and nutritional
18 counseling; and

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20 WHEREAS, the agencies and individuals who offer home health
21 care are highly skilled professionals who provide a valuable
22 service to our community and help maintain the highest level of
23 health and comfort for all ages and conditions at home; and

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25 WHEREAS, ROSE ANN POYZER is a home health care pioneer and
26 advocate who has mentored, inspired, and encouraged the growth
27 of other home care providers and programs, and

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29 WHEREAS, ROSE ANN POYZER was one of the first lay
30 administrators of home health care and served as executive
31 director of the Hawaii Association for Home Care and vice-
32 president of the Home Care and Hospice division of the
33 Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and



1 WHEREAS, having retired from the Health Care Association of
2 Hawaii, ROSE ANN POYZER continues to actively promote home
3 health care and is tireless in her efforts to encourage home
4 health care as an option; and

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6 WHEREAS, WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL's Home Health Agency is
7 recognized as one of the nation's most successful home health
8 care agencies and is the only home health care agency in Hawaii
9 to be named to the prestigious 2007 HomeCare Elite list; and

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11 WHEREAS, HomeCare Elite is a compilation of the most
12 successful Medicare-certified home health providers in the
13 United States and identifies the top 25% of home health care
14 agencies in the nation, ranked by an analysis of performance
15 measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial
16 performance; and

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18 WHEREAS, inclusion on the 2007 HomeCare Elite list in a
19 very competitive environment is an indication of WAHIAWA GENERAL
20 HOSPITAL's dedication to quality and performance; and

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22 WHEREAS, WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL's Home Health Agency
23 consists of a seven-person team, including manager Lauralee
24 Kawamata, staff member Katrina Dick, social worker Bernadette
25 Cabilao, physical therapist Jan Ching, registered nurse Jean
26 Lim, coordinator Thelma Manuel, and occupational therapist
27 AnnaBlair Publow; and

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29 WHEREAS, WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL's Home Health Agency RN
30 manager LAURALEE KAWAMATA is an excellent example of a nursing
31 professional who is dedicated to serving others, committed to
32 providing quality and compassionate home health care in our
33 community, and can be credited with much of the success of
34 WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL's Home Health Agency; now, therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
37 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
38 Session of 2008, that this body hereby commends ROSE ANN POYZER



1 and LAURALEE KAWAMATA for their invaluable contributions to home
2 health care in Hawaii, and recognizes WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL
3 Home Health Agency's exceptional ranking as a 2007 HomeCare
4 Elite home care provider.
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