

To: Senator Chun - Oakland

The enclosed is in support of a

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State Senate Resolution for

a National Women's Movement

in Wash. D.C.

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women have taken leadership roles in every field of endeavor. Currently, there is a woman Speaker of the House of Representatives and third in line for a presidency. A woman is a candidate for the Presidency. There have been women Governors, Mayors and Presidents of their State Senate.

There are a total of 64 making up the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Twenty-three American Universities have women Presidents, 8 of which four of eight Ivy League Universities are women Presidents. Women have flown in the space shuttles and recently a woman commanded the Space Shuttle. The President of Harvard University is a woman.

In Hawaii we have a woman Governor, a President of the State Senate, a Rear Admiral Next of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal

Bureau of Investigation and countless heads of business and women's organizations, Doctors & nurses, TV anchors, Department Head of Education, woman ~~head~~ department heads and Supervisors and the list goes on and on.

A woman is the Director of the Hawaii National Guard's state program for Veterans and their families. Hawaii's homegrown and educated, Major Tammy Duckworth, a double amputee of the Iraq War, is Director of the State of Illinois Veterans Affairs. Recently, Maui now has its first Police Captain. The Chief of Police in Washington D.C. is a woman, as they assume this position in other municipalities. A woman is President of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. A woman is in second command at the U.S. Naval Academy.

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Major General Gale S. Pollock, Army  
Nurse Corp Commanding General Pacific  
Regional Medical Command, at Grigler  
Hospital has a high administrative  
post at Walter Reed Army Hospital  
in Wash. D.C. Out of 4000 U.S. Air  
Force pilots in combat 386 are woman  
combat pilots. Lieutenant Colonel  
Necole Machalinski, veteran combat pilot,  
pilot of Kosovo and Iraq, is the  
first ever to fly with the U.S.  
Air Force Flying Team "Thunderbirds"  
A second woman Major has joined  
the flying team.

A woman's work is never done,  
The hardships and sacrifices  
and stress endure.

Office of the President  
**The Senate**  
State of Hawaii  
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January 7, 2008

Mr. Michael P. Augusta  
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Dear Mr. Augusta,

Attached for your reference, please find a draft Senate Concurrent Resolution that I will be introducing this year requesting the United States Congress to authorize the establishment of a national monument for Women in Washington D.C. The measure does not yet have a number, but you may wish to follow the resolution and urge support for it should it appear for a committee hearing during this upcoming session. Upon introduction of the measure, please feel free to contact my office to get more information such as the measure number and committee referral.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line and a horizontal line that crosses it, forming a stylized signature.

Senator Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate

Enclosure

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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR WOMEN IN  
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4 be a woman leader; and

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7 Women's Leadership Conference were chosen for their exemplary  
8 leadership role models, including business and government  
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10 experts from all over the world; and

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2 stars; and

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6 Revolutionary War to the present, who either served as fighting  
7 forces or military wives; and

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10 themselves to take leadership roles in every field of endeavor  
11 while supporting and nurturing their families; and

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17 measures--from producing high-quality work to goal-setting to  
18 mentoring employees; and

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21 Code; Congressional authorization is necessary to establish  
22 commemorative works, defined under section 8902 to include  
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24 of the lasting national significance of the subjects involved"  
25 (section 8901); and

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30 achievements of women leaders and inspiring future women  
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37 National Monument for Women in Washington, D.C., to recognize  
38 and honor the contributions to leadership by America's women;  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
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**Michael P. Augusta**  
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September 5, 2006

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, NY-D  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Clinton:

It is time. It is long, long overdue. From the Revolutionary War to the current Iraq War, the American Woman has been consumed with the hardship of life. The stalwart and steadfast American woman continues to endure for family and now for country, as they are being militarily deployed.

Between 1990 and 2000, the women veteran population increased 33.3 percent from 1.2 million to 1.6 million, and women now represent approximately 7 percent of veteran population. By the year 2010, it is projected that women veterans will comprise well over 10 percent of the veteran population. Currently women make up 15 percent of the active duty force and approximately 23 percent of the reserve force. (Statistics from Volume 10, Number 1 State of Hawaii Office of Veterans Services, January – March 2006 – Newsletter to Veterans).

The impetus to my formulating thinking to pay tribute, honor and recognize America's women, by building a monument to them in Washington, D.C. began by my writing to Hawaii's 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Army National Guard. Major General Lee, Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii and Commander of its National Guard, put out a call to the community, in our Honolulu Advertiser newspaper, to write, send cards, email and send packages to Hawaii's citizen soldiers deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait to show them they are not forgotten and remembered back home. The project was called "Operation Uplift".

Being a post Korean war veteran stationed overseas, I know and appreciated any form of mail.

In contacting the Adjutant General's Office of the Hawaii Army National Guard, I was sent the names and addresses of 25 points of contact to write to. The twenty five points of contact were each responsible for 130 men and women soldiers. I had written 5 letters to each of the 25 points of contact in Iraq and Kuwait. The two detachments in Afghanistan received 9 letters each. Their deployment was four months longer.

As a retiree, I had written during a period of 16 months. It was done peace meal at different times of the day. When the 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade's deployment was completed, my wife and I attended the many welcoming home arrivals. My wife and I also attended the Hawaii Army National

Guard Freedom Salute ceremonies, where they were handed and received service and recognition medals and awards.

December 15, 2005	487 <sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion
May 17, 2006	The Military Recognition Luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village
May 21, 2006	Co. D 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 299 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 227 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Company
May 25, 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 3d Marines
June 3, 2006	29 <sup>th</sup> Support Battalion
July 9, 2006	298 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment 117 Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

During all the ceremonies I keenly observed the many wives with their children who were left at home while their husbands were deployed. Also, the wives who were deployed leaving their husbands home to take care of the children. A female SFC Sergeant returned home from Afghanistan noticing her husband was also a National Guardsman with their three children in attendance. I asked him were you and your wife deployed at the same time. His response was "Not this time." At this same ceremony my wife and I were sitting next to a West Pointer, Lieutenant Colonel Cheshire. He was deployed for one year in Iraq as a National Guardsman leaving his wife at home with 6 children, ages 1 to 11.

Further, in a rare happenstance my wife and I met Lieutenant General John A. Goodman, the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific and Far East, at a Waikiki hotel. In conversing with the General I asked for some Marines I could write to. He had his Lieutenant Colonel call me at home furnishing names and addresses. Lieutenant Colonel James Bierman Battalion had been in the Battle of Fallujah, in Iraq but were now in Afghanistan. I had written to him and his 5 Company Commanders and Marines 5 times each. We met Lieutenant Colonel Bierman on his return home at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. We also met his lovely wife and 5 children. Can you imagine? Soldiers and Marines leaving their wives with 5 and 6 children while being deployed. Their burden exemplifies why they and other women be recognized with a monument in their honor in Washington, D.C.

One Company Commander, a Michael Miller Marine (Major) will be deployed for the sixth time in the Spring of 2007 (Iraq). He will be leaving his wife at home for the sixth time with one child. I am writing to Norm Cooling (Lieutenant Marine Colonel) who will be returning home in September from Iraq. After giving a blood (at Tripler Army Hospital) donation for the troops, I met by coincidence, Marine Lieutenant Colonel Donnelly who will be replacing Lt. Col. Cooling. After Lt. Col. Donnelly returns home it will be back to Iraq for Lt. Col. Bierman.

No other time in history of the United States has it become more fitting than the present to honor and pay tribute to the American woman. They have been the stalwart and the power in supporting her marriage, family and country. Nothing surpasses a woman's unconditional love.

I would be remiss if I didn't individually mention and pay homage to all of you for your work in the U.S. Senate and your service to our country and on the homefront of family and that your names be listed on the monument who spearheaded the movement to fruition with National Women's organizations.

All the monuments in Washington, D.C. honor men and none for women, with the exception of the nurses. The American Woman, you give of yourself to others all day long. You help, you comfort, you encourage, and you support your family and friends, your marriage, your life and all its many details. And now it is time for you. A monument should be built in your honor.

It is time!

Respectfully yours,

*Michael P. Augusta*

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cc: Senator Barbara Makulski *MD*. D.  
Senator Dianne Feinstein, CA-D  
Senator Debbie Stabenow, MI-D  
Senator Barbara Boxer, CA-D  
Senator Maria Contrell, WA-D  
Senator Mary L. Landriew, LA-D  
Senator Blanche Lincoln, ARK-D  
Senator Patty Murray, WA-D

*This is a non-partisan effort.*

*The nine women Senators were being interviewed on the "Fury King Show"  
They are the first group of Senators I had written to. All 68 women congresswomen Democrats & Republicans will be have written to.*

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1102**

April 24, 2007

**COPY**

Mr. Matt Eames  
Director of Congressional & Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Mail Stop 6242  
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Dear Mr. Eames,

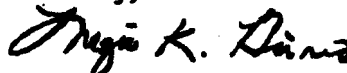
Re: National Monument for Women  
Michael P. Augusta  
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Enclosed for your review is a copy of a correspondence that was forwarded to me on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Michael P. Augusta, who is spearheading the creation of a National Monument for Women in Washington, D.C.

Would you kindly provide Mr. Augusta with information as to the procedures and process necessary for the creation of a National Monument for Women and any other information that will assist him in preparation for this type of monument?

I would also appreciate any information you can provide to my office regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mazie K. Hirono  
Member of Congress

Enclosure  
Please send reply to:  
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DANIEL K. INOUE  
HAWAII

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## United States Senate

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November 9, 2006

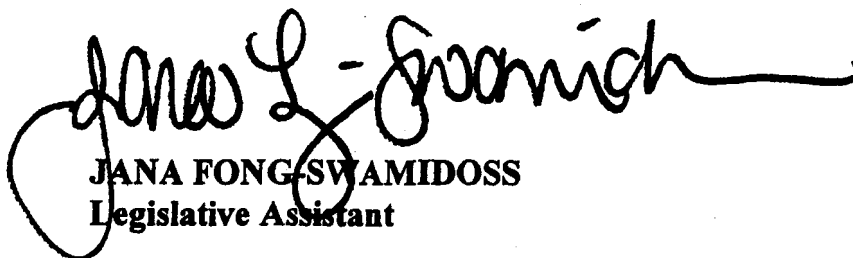
**Mr. Michael P. Augusta**  
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**Dear Mr. Augusta:**

**On behalf of Senator Inouye, who is out of the office, I appreciate learning of your support for the creation of a monument in Washington, D.C. celebrating the accomplishments of women in the United States. Senator Inouye has a long record of supporting women's rights and furthering employment and educational opportunities for everyone, particularly women and minorities.**

**Please be assured that I will share your concerns with the Senator on his return to the office so that he may keep your thoughts in mind, should this subject be considered by the full Senate.**

Aloha,



**JANA FONG-SWAMIDOSS**  
Legislative Assistant

JFS:aka



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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1103

December 8, 2006

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Mr. Michael Augusta  
803 Isenberg Street, #A403  
Honolulu, HI 96826

Dear Mike:

Thank you very much for sharing with me your letter to Senator Hillary Clinton, with copies to other women Senators, that there be a monument to "American Women" in Washington, DC. I appreciate your courtesy and look forward to developments on your proposal.

Thank you very much for your initiative.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
U.S. Senator

September 14, 2007  
Dear Governor Fingle:

I wish you make it known, as a member of the male gender, I am one of the furthest supporters of the "American woman".

For the last <sup>years</sup> two I have written ~~many~~ numerous letters in support of the American woman, to women U.S. Senators, Congresswomen, National Women's organizations in Washington D.C., top men and woman in the national MEDIA of TV, newspapers and magazines, to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, woman Governors and woman Presidents of State Senate, philanthropists and millionaires, and names of woman who I have seen on television in news events and discussion of national

problems not only involving women, but men also, names of women who work in <sup>shops</sup> and newspapers and every woman who has stood out in the American Society.

Recognizing their many accomplishments, sacrifices, sufferings and stresses throughout the years, from the American Revolutionary War to the present, where they are now giving life and love for their country.

The American woman are the stalwart of America. They are unconditional in their love for their husbands and children and country. They are the backbone of our survival.

My passion is to see a national monument built in Washington D.C., dedicated to and honoring the American woman. Currently, there isn't any monument for women in Wash. D.C., with the exception of a small monument of two nurses being honored for their service in the Vietnam war.

I have written and appealed to all of the aforementioned to garner support. Hopefully someone would come forward to foster the proposal and support it financially.

All of this would have never come about had it not been for Major General Robert V.H. Jee, State

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of Hawaii Adjutant General and  
Commandant of the Hawaii Army National  
Guard. For it was he who became  
aware of low morale among Hawaii's  
National Guardsmen and women. He put out  
a call to the community in "Operation  
Up & At" in the local newspapers to  
write, E-mail, send post cards, letters and  
packages to the Citizen Soldiers deployed  
to show they are not forgotten and  
remembered.

I took up the call and had  
written many letters but it wasn't  
until I and my wife welcomed them home  
at the military hangar at KALAEWA and  
the many "Freedom Salute" Ceremonies  
for them that their work was most

certainly, should be recognized and honored. I clearly observed the many wives and children sitting in the audience while their husbands were receiving awards at the Jackson State ceremonies. The wives with up to six children were at home addressing their families, while their husbands were deployed. In some cases the wives were deployed while the husbands were at home with children. The thought of stress and worry of them for their children's husband.

This was the impetus and inspiration for me to honor the American women I met while on Admiral, while deployed left behind a wife and eight children.

The wife of an Army Major with two children being interviewed on the

"Julia King, CND" Show, stated  
"you will never know how hard it  
is being home while your husband  
is deployed."

The American woman in World War I,  
Korean War and Vietnam wars have  
experienced, also, the hardships and sacrifices.

Women have made prodigious accomplishments  
in the last ten to fifteen years, as they  
have obtained leadership and presidencies  
in Business, Government, Military, etc.

Currently, twenty-three American  
Universities have woman Presidents, a  
woman is President of Harvard University,  
a woman heads the Episcopal Church  
in the U.S., a woman is in second command  
at the U.S. Naval Academy, Major General

Pollack formerly the Commandant of the  
Gusler Army Medical Center is now head  
of Walter Reed Army Medical Center with  
a woman heads the Coast Guard  
and the F.B.I. in Hawaii, Our Governor  
and President of the Hawaii Senate, Maui  
recently have its first woman Captain on  
its Police force. The Chief of Police in  
Washington D.C. is a woman, as they are  
in other U.S. Cities, LTC Nicole Michalski  
a combat veteran of Kosovo and Iraq is  
the first woman ever to fly this  
year as a pilot with the Air Force  
"Thunderbirds". Now, Maj Wess is the  
second woman as part of the team.

with up to 3000 Air Force combat pilots  
Eighty four woman are combat pilots

LTC Sara W. Peeler is the Director of the Hawaii  
National Guard State Family Program (for returning Veterans).



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Eighty seven women are in Congress  
(~~Senators~~ Congresswomen) & women are  
third in line to become a U.S. President  
it is the possibility of the U.S. having  
its first woman President. ETC. ETC. (WOMAN)

also, Jimmy D. Dackworth, double amputee  
in the Iraq War is Director of Veteran  
affairs in Illinois. She lost election by a  
slight margin as she ran for Congress in  
Illinois 6th District. Homegrown and educated in Hawaii.

Thirty-five years ago Rep. Patsy  
Mink was instrumental in the historic  
passage of TITLE X legislation which  
granted women in Hawaii and through-  
out the nation to enjoy ~~unprecedented~~  
UNPRECEDENTED level of gender equity

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(Newsletter to Veterans.)

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A monument dedicated and honoring the American Woman should be built in Wash D.C.

Please promulgate the message to the "Annual International Women Fellowship Conference Sept 25.

For it is only with the organization,  
thrust and spirit of the American  
woman and its many national  
women organizations that this  
will ever come to fruition.

Respectfully yours,

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c.c. Betty White

Planning Committee, Fourth World International Women  
Fellowship Conference.

Currently, Head of Sacred Hearts Academy.

I will attend the conference.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



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ADJUTANT GENERAL

GARY M. ISHIKAWA  
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September 20, 2007

Mr. Michael P. Augusta  
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Dear Mr. Augusta:

Thank you for your letter describing your support of women in America.

Women endure hardships and stress whenever their military husbands deploy to worldwide locations. Their hard work at home is often unrecognized. I know their husbands returning from these worldwide deployments truly appreciate all the things their wives did while they were away.

A memorial in Washington would be a way to recognize our military wives for their work while their husbands deploy. The lengthy process to the construction of a memorial would be worth all the hard work that is involved.

*ALL AMERICAN WOMEN FROM  
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR TO  
PRESENT*

Thank you for sharing your vision of a memorial honoring military wives.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert G.F. Lee.

ROBERT G.F. LEE  
Major General  
Hawaii National Guard  
Adjutant General



# Applause

PAMELA YOUNG

## The Women's Memorial In Virginia

Dear Pamela,  
 I just finished reading the "Applause" letter in *MidWeek* from Michael Augusta regarding a memorial honoring American military women over the years. There is a memorial already in D.C., the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. It was founded 10 years ago, and honors women who have spent any time in the service. I've only seen photos of it, but am a charter member myself (U.S.N., 1982-1991)

Mr. Augusta can find more information at [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org) (and my heartfelt thanks to him for wanting to honor all the generations of women who have served our country in time of war and peace)

Mary K. Dugur

Dear Pamela,  
 The national memorial to women military veterans in Washington, D.C., is located at one of the entrances to Arlington Cemetery (the entrance just over the bridge from Foggy Bottom/Georgetown). This month it is celebrating the 10th anniversary of dedication. I am a charter member and was at the

dedication in 1997. I am a proud Vietnam era Army veteran.

At the dedication there were women vets from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. It is a beautiful memorial where women vets can put their name and info in a computer base. It is estimated that only 9 percent of some 2.5 million eligible women have actually registered with the memorial.

You can send info about women vets via its web site, or e-mail [regdept@womensmemorial.com](mailto:regdept@womensmemorial.com)

Ann Ruby

Dear Mary and Ann,  
 Yours were just two letters we received in response to Mr. Augusta's quest to have a national monument built in Washington, D.C., honoring our nation's women.

Here is Michael Augusta's response:

Dear Pamela,  
 I am grateful to your readers for getting the word out there about the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. That memorial is in Arlington, Va., and my effort is to have one standing in

Washington, D.C. — not just to women in the military, but all the brave women who have made our country what it is. Since the revolution, women have given of themselves and have taken leadership roles in every field while supporting and nurturing their families.

I think that deserves recognition as well.

Sincerely,  
 Michael Augusta

(If you know someone who deserves some Applause, send your

letters to Pamela Young, *MidWeek Applause*, KITV, 801 S. King St., Honolulu, HI, 96813, or e-mail [pyoung@kitv.com](mailto:pyoung@kitv.com). Include your name, phone number and, if possible, the phone number of your "applaudee" so we can contact him or her.)

*It is my quest and wish to see come to fruition a monument in Wash. D.C., dedicated to an honoring America's women.*

*It is most deserving of the taxpayers who pay there are too many monuments in Wash, D.C. — Just think of your MOTHER.*

# Conference will empower future leaders

Leadership gathering for women focuses on presenting role models

Amidst the Superferry controversy, the changing winds of Hawai'i politics and the daily needs of more than a million souls in paradise, Gov. Linda Lingle and a host of volunteers are doing their best to ready Hawai'i for the fourth annual International Women's Leadership Conference on Sept. 25.

I have attended the conferences the past three years — convinced that each has been better than its predecessor — and have always been reinvigorated by new ideas. Where else in one eight-hour day at a cost of less than \$200, with breakfast and lunch included, is one able to be treated to a vibrant chorus of successful women who are making an exciting difference in our global world?

This International Women's Leadership Conference does not feature Hollywood personalities, glib tongues and unbecoming flattery; rather, it lifts the vision of women in business, government service and all professions to higher sights, higher standards, and exciting and attainable futures.

The energy in the ballroom of



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the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel will be electrically charged on Sept. 25. Generous sponsors such as American Savings Bank, The Queen's Medical Center, Chevron and State Farm help provide an opportunity for the women of Hawai'i, from the young to the young at heart, to realize their individual potential and collective strength for contribution and leadership to their communities. Many Hawai'i businesses are also providing scholarships for students to attend the conference, enabling them to network with fellow attendees in many career fields.

The conference focuses on the need for development of strong leadership skills for women. The several presenters are some of the world's most influential leaders, encouraging every conference participant to explore ideas and reach out in their communities to make a difference, day by day.

Barbara Stoker, former executive for Disney, Hallmark, Matel and Coors will talk about new businesses and product development; Cathy Lanier, the first-ever female chief of police for the District of Columbia, will share how she established the initial Homeland Security /Counter Terrorism Branch.

And we will also be treated to presenters from the "final frontier." Mae Jemison, the nation's first woman of color to journey into space, will share her career highlights as founder and president of two technology companies, and she will be joined by Shannon Lucid, who currently holds the record for the most flight hours in orbit by any woman in the world.

We will hear about our volatile and changing financial markets from Joyce Chang, a highly respected emerging markets strategist who works with JP Morgan. Justine Mbabazi, gender expert and senior legal adviser for USAID in Afghanistan and a mentor to Afghan women lawyers, will share how she empowers women in war-torn countries.

Attendees will also meet Robin Koval of the Kaplan Thaler Group and author of the national best seller, *The Power of Nice: How to Conquer the Business World with Kindness*.

She will affirm for the participants that nice women do not finish last.

As an educator, I am acutely aware how critically important it is to inspire leadership in young women. Even in the 21st century, there are still some who believe that women and leadership are incompatible. Presenting outstanding role models for young professional women and young students is a primary focus of the Governor's International Women's Leadership Conference.

Bequeathing goodness, education, wisdom and keys to leadership and success to the following generations, the Governor's International Women's Leadership Conference will, indeed, enable and encourage women, especially young professionals and students, to reach for the stars. Consider being a participant on Sept. 25 as the governor's conference continues to develop this important legacy for Hawai'i's women, their communities, places of work and their families.

Betty White, head of school at Sacred Hearts Academy, is serving on the planning committee for the governor's conference. She wrote this commentary for *The Advertiser*.

Well over two thousand women attended the conference and sixty-six men. Of which I was one.



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Dear Mr. Augusta,

Let me first offer my condolences for the loss of your wife. I pray God gives you continued comfort as you share her memory with your first grandchild.

I admire your passion to recognize the contributions of our women not only serving in the Armed Forces, but those supporting their loved ones who serve. I can personally attest that any success we enjoy is directly attributable to the love, support and prayers of our loving spouses and families. Sarah, my wife, is my rock. I would not be where I am today if it were not for her.

Thank you very much for sending the calendar for Sarah and for the wonderful work in raising awareness regarding the service of our women. A fitting memorial is sure to come and long overdue. Please keep in touch.

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

Take Care and God Bless,

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