
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF HAWAII, INC. AND THE 2009 HAWAII
BUSINESS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES.

1 WHEREAS, since 1990, the JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF HAWAII
2 BUSINESS HALL OF FAME has honored the state's most distinguished
3 business leaders for their outstanding contributions to free
4 enterprise and the promise of a stronger society; and
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6 WHEREAS, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF HAWAII, INC. was founded in
7 1957 to educate and inspire young people to appreciate business
8 and economics in order that they can improve their lives and
9 their communities; and
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11 WHEREAS, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF HAWAII, INC. has created a
12 working partnership among business, military, and education
13 communities with the mission of ensuring that Hawaii's children
14 will have the opportunity to learn about the free-enterprise
15 system; and
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17 WHEREAS, through 495 offices around the world, Junior
18 Achievement reaches approximately seven million students a year
19 in inner cities, suburbs, and rural areas; and
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21 WHEREAS, the purpose of the JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT HAWAII
22 BUSINESS HALL OF FAME is to recognize business leaders who,
23 through their life-long entrepreneurial and civic activities
24 have made enduring contributions to the local economy through
25 their work, and are figures of inspiration for Hawaii's youth;
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28 WHEREAS, SUSANNA F. CHEUNG helped found Opportunities for
29 the Retarded, Inc in 1980 to provide adults with developmental
30 disabilities important job skills, gain independence, and
31 encourage their maximum development; and
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1 WHEREAS, SUSANNA F. CHEUNG is a successful business woman
2 and philanthropist whose foundation supports agencies that work
3 with the disabled and helps students continue with their
4 education in Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, DEAN OKIMOTO successfully expanded Nalo Farms the
7 family agriculture business, founded by his father in 1953, by
8 diversifying the product line using consistency, quality, and
9 hard work; and

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11 WHEREAS, guided by integrity and humility, DEAN OKIMOTO is
12 passionate about education , Hawaii's youth going into the field
13 of agriculture, and giving back to the community through service
14 and involvement; and

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16 WHEREAS, as a fifth generation kama'aina MONTY RICHARDS has
17 worked on the family ranch since 1953 bringing innovations such
18 as alternative renewable energy, rapid rotational grazing,
19 hydroponic farming, solar and wind energy diversification of
20 livestock, and tourism to the ranch; and

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22 WHEREAS, MONTY RICHARDS is an enthusiastic and
23 knowledgeable leader who shares his talent with numerous
24 community organizations; and

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26 WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2009, SUSANNA CHEUNG of
27 Opportunities for the Retarded, Inc. DEAN OKIMOTO of Nalo Farms,
28 and MONTY RICHARDS of Kahua Ranch will be inducted into the
29 HAWAII BUSINESS HALL OF FAME for 2009; and

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31 WHEREAS, these honorees join a distinguished group of 67
32 men and women who have been included into the HAWAII BUSINESS
33 HALL OF FAME since its inception; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular session
37 of 2009, that it recognizes and honors JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF
38 HAWAII, INC. and the 2009 inductees to the HAWAII BUSINESS HALL
39 OF FAME for their outstanding contributions to free enterprise
40 and the betterment of the State of Hawaii.



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