HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, education in Hawaii contributes to the State's economic, social, and cultural vitality; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's keiki represent our future public servants, business leaders, and stewards of this great State;

WHEREAS, learning introduces our keiki to the world and provides them the tools to succeed by promoting confidence, self awareness, respect, and tolerance towards themselves and others around them; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, while supporting the integrity of our nation's education system, Hawaii Senator Daniel Akaka said:

"I have witnessed how education opens doors, and I know that when sound instruction takes place students experience the joys of newfound knowledge and the ability to excel;"

and

WHEREAS, public, private, charter, and home schools all play a vital role in shaping the minds of Hawaii's keiki; and

WHEREAS, the importance of education should be appreciated by all the people of Hawaii with a reflection of education's positive effects on each individual, regardless of what type of or particular school they attended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that the month of September, 2009 be recognized as Education Awareness and Appreciation Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- (1) The first week in September be dedicated to public schools;
- (2) The second week in September be dedicated to charter schools:
- (3) The third week in September be dedicated to private schools; and
- (4) The fourth week in September be dedicated to home schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the Executive Director of the Charter School Administrative Office, and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools.

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