
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BEBI DAVIS AS THE 2009 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND GLENN LEE, PEGGY ANN PAVAO, RAMONA TAKAHASHI, JOHN CONSTANINOU, ROBERTA KOKX, AND MARY LARDIZABAL AS THE 2009 HAWAII STATE DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, in light of the important role the public
2 education system plays in solidifying Hawaii's future, it is
3 always a pleasure and privilege for the Hawaii State House of
4 Representatives to recognize those exceptional people that have
5 made significant achievements in education, inspiring our
6 state's youth, and encouraging the people of the surrounding
7 communities to become involved in their community's schools; and
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9 WHEREAS, Bebi Davis, who has taught physics and chemistry
10 at Farrington High School since 2002, and is inspired by the
11 smile that she receives when she helps someone to understand,
12 and believes "teachers are the soul of society", was named the
13 2009 Honolulu District Teacher of the Year, and received the
14 greater honor of being named the 2009 Hawaii State Teacher of
15 the Year; and
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17 WHEREAS, Glenn Lee, who has been a science teacher at
18 Waialua High and Intermediate School, led the state's first
19 robotics team in 1999, and has expanded the horizons for his
20 "award winning" students through STEM - Science, Technology,
21 Engineering, and Math, believes "inspiring students to become
22 the best they can be is a grinding, relentless, and exciting
23 task," has earned the recognition of being named 2009 Central
24 District Teacher of the Year; and
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26 WHEREAS, Peggy Ann Pavao, who has been a teacher at Kapolei
27 Middle School for the past nine years, believes in "making the
28 best better," and wants her students to know they can do
29 anything they desire as long as they are willing to make it



1 happen, has earned the recognition of being named the 2009
2 Leeward District Teacher of the Year; and

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4 WHEREAS, Ramona Takahashi, a teacher and a coach at Kailua
5 High School since 1993 who often states, "The ultimate reward is
6 when you see a student do something that is right, when they do
7 not know they are being watched," has been named the 2009
8 Windward District Teacher of the Year; and

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10 WHEREAS, John Constantinou, who realized he would become a
11 teacher while performing research in Antarctica, began his
12 teaching career teaching science on Oahu and has been teaching
13 at Keaau High School on the island of Hawaii since 2002 during
14 which time he achieved numerous accomplishments including being
15 the first teacher at his school to enter student projects in the
16 science fair, has earned the recognition of being named 2009
17 Hawaii District Teacher of the Year; and

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19 WHEREAS, Roberta Kokx, who taught English in Japan where
20 she was encouraged to pursue a degree in education, later became
21 a National Board Certified Teacher and has been teaching at
22 Kihei Elementary School since 2000, and frequently states and
23 believes that "every child can learn, but each child learns
24 differently," has been given the distinction of being named 2009
25 Maui District Teacher of the Year; and

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27 WHEREAS, Mary Lardizabal, a graduate of Kauai's first
28 University of Hawaii elementary education cohort program, and
29 music teacher at Kapaa Middle School since 1997, is a teacher
30 that considers seeing a child's eyes "shine" and "light up on
31 stage" her inspiration, which has earned her the distinction of
32 being named 2009 Kauai District Teacher of the Year; and

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34 WHEREAS, Bebi Davis, Glenn Lee, Peggy Ann Pavao, Ramona
35 Takahashi, John Constaninou, Roberta Kokx, and Mary Lardizabal,
36 through their dedication and commitment to serving the children
37 in our schools, have proven themselves worthy of being honored
38 as inspirational teachers and role models for our public school
39 community; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2009, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and
4 honors, Bebi Davis, Glenn Lee, Peggy Ann Pavao, Ramona
5 Takahashi, John Constaninou, Roberta Kokx, and Mary Lardizabal
6 for their outstanding accomplishments and recognition as
7 Hawaii's 2009 Teachers of the Year, and extends to all of them
8 its sincere mahalo for a job well done.

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