
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF
HONOLULU AND THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS FOR
THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO
PERPETUATING THE VISION OF, PRINCE JONAH KUHIO
KALANIANA`OLE PI`IKOI.

1 WHEREAS, on December 7, 1918, Prince Jonah Kuhio
2 Kalaniana`ole Pi`ikoi formed the first Hawaiian civic club, in
3 the traditions of the ali`i to provide for the well-being of
4 their people; and
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6 WHEREAS, in 1920, what became known as THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC
7 CLUB OF HONOLULU established itself as a political voice for the
8 native Hawaiian community when it successfully lobbied for
9 passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and
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11 WHEREAS, for over nine decades, THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF
12 HONOLULU has continued Prince Kuhio's vision by fostering
13 education, leadership development, and civic participation
14 throughout the Hawaiian community; and
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16 WHEREAS, THE HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF HONOLULU's annual
17 scholarship benefit fundraiser, the Holoku Ball, has generated
18 thousands of dollars for higher education opportunities for
19 Hawaiians while perpetuating Hawaiian formal elegance; and
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21 WHEREAS, on April 18, 1959, the growth of various Hawaiian
22 civic clubs led to the creation of the ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN
23 CIVIC CLUBS and its four councils--Hawai`i, O`ahu, Maui, and
24 Kaula`i; and
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26 WHEREAS, in March 1988, the Mainland Council was chartered
27 as the fifth council of the ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS;
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1 WHEREAS, today, there are 55 Hawaiian civic clubs located
 2 throughout the state of Hawai'i and in the states of Alaska,
 3 California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia,
 4 Washington state, and Tennessee; and

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 6 WHEREAS, Hawaiian Civic Club members can be seen at public
 7 gatherings, marching in parades, testifying before the
 8 Legislature, organizing and conducting education forums on
 9 Hawaiian issues, and serving as cultural curators of such sacred
 10 sites as Ulupo Heiau and Kukaniloko; and

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 12 WHEREAS, Hawaiian civic clubs have continued to expand
 13 their scholarship programs, benefiting thousands of Hawai'i's
 14 young people; and

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 16 WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS continues
 17 to provide a strong voice for native Hawaiians at city, state,
 18 and federal levels; and

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 20 WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS has
 21 advocated for the welfare of native Hawaiian culture, language,
 22 history, music, dance, health, economic development, social
 23 welfare, and nationhood; now, therefore,

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 25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 27 of 2009, that this body hereby commends and congratulates THE
 28 HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF HONOLULU and the ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN
 29 CIVIC CLUBS, on the occasion of their 90th and 50th anniversaries,
 30 respectively, for their outstanding contributions and commitment
 31 to perpetuating the vision of, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole
 32 Pi'ikoi, and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes
 33 for continued success in all future endeavors.

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