
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KAREN HERESA AS HAWAII'S 2008 MILKEN AWARD
WINNER, AND KAPALAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, KAIMUKI MIDDLE
SCHOOL, AND LANAKILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE 2009 BLUE
RIBBON SCHOOLS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

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 exceptional people who have made
5 significant achievements in education, who inspire our state's
6 youth, and who encourage the people of the surrounding
7 communities and to become involved in their community's schools;
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10 WHEREAS, Karen Heresa, a special education teacher at
11 Wilcox Elementary for the past fourteen years, co-created the
12 school's Hawaiian Values Character Education Program in 1990 and
13 has an enthusiasm for learning that has translated into huge
14 gains in student achievement as exhibited in The Hawaii State
15 Assessment test scores, student progress reports, portfolios,
16 and class work, has earned the distinguished honor of being
17 named Hawaii's 2008 Milken Award winner; and
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19 WHEREAS, Kapalama Elementary School consider its mission to
20 help all children by providing an environment that challenges
21 and nurtures students to become literate, responsible, and
22 caring citizens who will be active contributors to society; and
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24 WHEREAS, Kaimuki Middle School; a place with heart that
25 challenges mind, body, and spirit through "a positive learning
26 environment that meets the unique needs of adolescents and their
27 supporters", has adopted the General Learner Outcomes (GLOs)
28 schoolwide. The GLOs serve as the essential overarching goals
29 for all grade levels' academic disciplines with every content



1 standard and every benchmark supporting the learner's progress
2 towards these outcomes, enabling learners to lead full and
3 productive lives; and
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5 WHEREAS, Lanakila Elementary School, whose educational
6 programs provide for all children including gifted and talented,
7 disadvantaged, special education, limited English proficiency
8 and early childhood education, believes that all students can
9 and want to learn and that a public school education can provide
10 the foundation for a productive future. The professional school
11 staff provides high quality, standards-based instruction with
12 the support of active and meaningful parent participation and
13 community support; and
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15 WHEREAS, Kapalama Elementary School, Kaimuki Middle School,
16 and Lanakila Elementary School were named Hawaii's 2009 Blue
17 Ribbon Schools for making significant progress in closing the
18 achievement gap and inspiring and guiding its students to
19 achievements at their highest levels possible; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2009, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and
24 honors Karen Heresa, Hawaii's 2008 Milken Award winner, and
25 Kapalama Elementary School, Kaimuki Middle School, and Lanakila
26 Elementary School as Hawaii's 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools, and
27 extends to all of them its sincere mahalo for a job well done.
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