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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF NANCY ATMOSPERA-WALCH, CONNIE CHUN, MARIO PALMA, AND BEATRICE "BEA" RAMOS-RAZON, AS OUTSTANDING FILIPINO NURSES IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, in light of the important role nurses play in Hawaii's healthcare, it is always a pleasure and privilege for the Hawaii State House of Representatives to recognize those exceptional people who have made significant contributions to the nursing profession, the people, community and the State and for serving as role-models for young health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, CONNIE BELTRAN CHUN was the recipient of the 2008 YWCA Women of the Year Award and became an advocate for nurses and created a review course tailored for foreign nurses. She then gained election to the State House of Representative in 1978 becoming the first Filipina and nurse to serve in the House; and

WHEREAS, NANCY ATMOSPERA-WALCH was awarded the Inez Cayaban Distinguished Service Excellence Award by the Filipino Nurses of Hawaii in 2008 for her outstanding achievements as a nurse educator. She has spearheaded and developed the organization's first national nursing conference, developed a workshop for community based Long Term caregivers, acquired recognition for the Filipino Nurses of Hawaii as a contributing organization for the Minority Women's Summit of the office of Women's Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, MARIO PALMA is the recipient of the 2008 Leadership Excellence Award from the Hawaii Filipino Nurses of Hawaii for advocating for review programs for foreign-trained nurses as well as nursing delegation issues related to community-based care; and supporting Nurses through teaching, mentoring and recruiting candidates for the program; and

WHEREAS, BEATRICE "BEA" RAMOS-RAZON was awarded the 2009 Woman Achiever Award in Nursing and Healthcare by the Hawaii Filipino Women's Club and is a Fellow of the National Association of Director of Nursing Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Connie Beltran Chun, Nancy Atmospera-Walch, Mario Palma, and Beatrice "Bea" Ramos-Razon, through their dedication and commitment to the nursing profession, have proven themselves worthy of being honored as inspirational nurses and administrators; 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 this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and honors Connie Beltran Chun, Nancy Atmospera-Walch, Mario Palma, and Beatrice "Bea" Ramos-Razon, for their outstanding accomplishments as Nurses in Hawaii, and extends to all of them its sincere mahalo for their exemplary contributions.

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