
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING FRANK DE LIMA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HAWAII'S
YOUTH THROUGH THE "FRANK DE LIMA STUDENT ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM".

1 WHEREAS, Frank De Lima, born Frank Wilcox Napuakekaulike De
2 Lima, Jr., was born on July 8, 1949 to Frank De Lima, Sr. and
3 Pearl De Lima and grew up in Pauoa Valley; and
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5 WHEREAS, Frank De Lima attended Damien Memorial High School
6 and went on to receive his Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology from
7 Chaminade University as well as a Master's in Divinity from St.
8 Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, California and
9 was ordained a deacon in Redwood City, California and was
10 assigned to Holy Trinity Church, Kuli'ou'ou; and
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12 WHEREAS, Frank De Lima realized at an early age his natural
13 talent for making family and friends laugh and believes that the
14 ability to draw laughter or a smile is one of the greatest gifts
15 you can give to your fellow man; and
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17 WHEREAS, research has shown health benefits of laughter and
18 humor ranging from strengthening the immune system to reducing
19 food cravings to increasing one's threshold for pain as well as
20 therapy to help people heal more quickly, among other things;
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23 WHEREAS, Frank De Lima is the living embodiment of Hawaii's
24 ethnic and cultural diversity whereby he describes himself as a
25 "Portuguese Soup" of Portuguese, Hawaiian, Irish, Chinese,
26 English, Spanish and Scottish ethnicities using humor to break
27 down the barriers that enable people to celebrate ethnic
28 diversity and laugh at themselves; and
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30 WHEREAS, in 1985 after five years of developing his school
31 visitation program, Frank De Lima established "The Frank De Lima



1 Student Enrichment Program" as a means of giving back to the
2 Hawaii community by the nurturing and encouragement of Hawaii's
3 youth; and
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5 WHEREAS, through "The Frank De Lima Student Enrichment
6 Program" Frank De Lima visits over 300 elementary and
7 middle/intermediate public and private schools over a two-year
8 period using a curriculum that incorporates his unique talent
9 for humor as a means of communicating serious matters,
10 instilling life-affirming ideals and making a positive impact on
11 their character and lives; and
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13 WHEREAS, Frank De Lima has received numerous awards for his
14 contributions to Hawaii's Aloha Spirit including "The Serving
15 Heart" Civic Character Award, Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano's
16 "Kilohana Awards" for Volunteer of the Year and the "Ellison S.
17 Onizuka" Memorial Award from the National Education Association;
18 now, therefore
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2009, commends Frank De Lima for his success in keeping
23 Hawaii laughing and greatly appreciates his work through "The
24 Frank De Lima Student Enrichment Program" helping to nurture the
25 next generation of Hawaii with the kind of humor that breaks
26 down barriers and builds up unity and wishes Frank De Lima a
27 fond Aloha and looks forward to many more years of crossing
28 ethnic barriers through his unique brand of humor.
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