
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING PAPAKOLEA HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD UPON
ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives respects the proud
2 history of the native Hawaiian people, recognizes the struggles
3 and hardships they have faced, and takes great pleasure and
4 pride in honoring their achievements; and
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6 WHEREAS, one of the most deeply-instilled core values in
7 Hawaiian culture is the understanding of and love for the 'aina,
8 or land, and the challenges native Hawaiians have faced
9 throughout our State's history to maintain homelands to which
10 they have an exclusive right have been daunting; and
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12 WHEREAS, after a struggle lasting more than a decade,
13 Hawaiian Prince and United States Congressman, Jonah Kuhio
14 Kalaniana'ole successfully facilitated the passage of the
15 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, which established a
16 permanent land base for the benefit and use of native Hawaiians;
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19 WHEREAS, due to the relentless efforts of revered Hawaiians
20 like Thomas Maunupau Sr. and Princess Abigail Kawananakoa, the
21 PAPAKOLEA HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD, comprised of the neighborhoods of
22 Papakolea, Kewalo, and Kalawahine Streamside, was recognized on
23 May 16, 1934, as one of the State's first Hawaiian Homelands
24 under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920; and
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26 WHEREAS, since its inception, the PAPAKOLEA HAWAIIAN
27 HOMESTEAD has served as a rare and special place where native
28 Hawaiians are encouraged to sustain and perpetuate their
29 culture, and this unique character has made Papakolea the home
30 for some of Hawaii's most prominent citizens, including musical
31 icons Genoa Keawe and Danny Kaleikini; and



1 WHEREAS, Papakolea community leaders have founded several
 2 noteworthy organizations, including the Papakolea Community
 3 Association, Kula no na Po'e Hawai'i, the Papakolea Community
 4 Development Corporation, Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead Community
 5 Association, and Kalawahine Streamside Association, that
 6 currently serve for the betterment of Papakolea residents with a
 7 focus on family, unity, and aloha; and

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 9 WHEREAS, the struggle to establish, maintain, and improve
 10 this early Hawaiian Homestead for the past 75 years mirrors the
 11 struggle of all native Hawaiians to improve their rights and
 12 their quality of life across the State, and serves to prove to
 13 the people that positive changes are possible when a community
 14 comes together to heal and rebuild; now, therefore,

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 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 18 of 2009, that this body hereby recognizes and commends the
 19 PAKOLEA HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD for its 75-year commitment to the
 20 betterment of native Hawaiians, and extends its warmest aloha
 21 and best wishes for continued success in continuing their close
 22 -knit community for generations of families to come.

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