## HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE HAWAII ALLIANCE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring Hawaii's youth to become responsible citizens; and

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WHEREAS, a subsidiary of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs has been operating in Hawaii since 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs provides services to more than 17,500 Hawaii youths each year, many from disadvantaged circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs currently operates 12 sites on Oahu and Kauai where members can access a multitude of programs and services, and membership costs only \$1 a year; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs is to inspire young people to become responsible citizens, create a safe place for kids to grow, provide mentoring by professionally-trained staff and caring volunteers, nurture character development and life-enhancing skills, and provide hope and opportunities to Hawaii's youth; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs' clubhouses and outreach sites provide guidance-oriented character development programs six days a week for children 7-17 years old, and key programs emphasize character and leadership development; education and career development; health and life skills; culture and the arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs believes that building good character is its strongest strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Life Skills program of Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs specifically tackles today's critical issues, steering Hawaii's youth away from violence, drug abuse, obesity, and teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the Arts & Culture program of the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs encourages members to express themselves, appreciate other cultures, and develop their creativity; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs program on Education and Career Development provides members with opportunities for career exploration and academic enrichment; and

WHEREAS, the Sports, Fitness, and Recreation program of the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs helps members to improve their fitness levels by promoting stress reduction and the positive use of leisure time, instilling an appreciation of the environment, and building good social skills; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives applauds the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for inspiring Hawaii's youth to become ambitious, responsible, well-rounded, and productive citizens; 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 and commends the Hawaii Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for its strong commitment and many years of service to the youth of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:



