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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FRANCINE HONDA AS THE 2009 HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, TOM KURASHIGE AS THE 2009 HAWAII MIDDLE/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND EWA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOMILANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE 2010 HAWAII BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS.

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 those exceptional individuals that  
5 have made significant achievements in education, inspiring and  
6 challenging the young minds of our state, and encouraging the  
7 people of the surrounding communities to become actively  
8 involved in their community's schools; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Francine Honda, the principal at Kailua High  
11 School for the past seven years, has consistently demonstrated  
12 initiative, creativity, and productivity, fostering Kailua High  
13 School's growth in curriculum, instruction, and assessment  
14 through collaboration and personalization, and has appreciably  
15 increased Kailua High School's student achievement and  
16 scholarships, which earned her the recognition of being named  
17 the 2009 Hawaii High School Principal of the Year; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Tom Kurashige, the principal at Aiea Intermediate  
20 School since 2000, has successfully commandeered the  
21 transformation of Aiea Intermediate from a chronically  
22 underperforming school into an exceptional learning institution  
23 that consistently meets Adequate Yearly Progress, and through  
24 his leadership, consummate professional skills, and passion for  
25 student success, has inspired his colleagues, staff, and  
26 students, which earned him the distinction of being named the  
27 2009 Hawaii Middle/Elementary School Principal of the Year; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Ewa Beach Elementary School, a model for America's  
2 Choice School Design, employs the most effective teaching and  
3 learning strategies to ensure that their students will become  
4 successful lifelong learners, and prepares students for middle  
5 school and beyond through their standards-based data driven  
6 academic program, and whose excellence is exemplified by the  
7 marked rise in their 2009 proficiency scores; and

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9 WHEREAS, Momilani Elementary School excels in all aspects  
10 of teaching and learning through collaboration and teamwork of  
11 its teachers, staff, students, and community members, and  
12 expertly delivers a quality education to its students through a  
13 superlative teaching staff, robust leadership, and maintaining a  
14 safe and caring environment, and whose proficiency scores have  
15 risen to an astonishing 98 percent in reading and 94 percent in  
16 math; and

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18 WHEREAS, Royal Elementary School inspires each student to  
19 strive for high academic achievement and challenges them to  
20 think creatively and critically and be independent life  
21 learners, and provides a safe, warm, and culturally sensitive  
22 environment to optimize learning, and whose outstanding staff  
23 and administration works tirelessly to encourage excellence and  
24 high academic achievement, demonstrated by their vastly improved  
25 reading and math proficiency scores, which rose from 42 to 76  
26 percent and from 25 to 70 percent, respectively, from 2007 to  
27 2009; and

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29 WHEREAS, Ewa Beach Elementary School, Momilani Elementary  
30 School, and Royal Elementary School were named Hawaii's 2010  
31 Blue Ribbon Schools for making significant progress in closing  
32 the achievement gap and inspiring and guiding its students to  
33 achievements at their highest levels possible; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
36 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
37 of 2010, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and  
38 honors Francine Honda, the 2009 High School Principal of the  
39 Year, Tom Kurashige, the 2009 Middle/Elementary School Principal  
40 of the Year, and Ewa Beach Elementary, Momilani Elementary, and  
41 Royal Elementary, Hawaii's 2010 Blue Ribbons Schools, and



1 extends to all of them its sincere mahalo and best wishes for  
2 continued success.

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