
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING PAST AND PRESENT WORKERS OF THE FILM OFFICE OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes those individuals
2 in state organizations who selflessly give so much of their
3 time, energies, and talents to contribute to the overall well-
4 being of these Islands; and
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6 WHEREAS, past and future successes of the Hawaii film
7 industry are in large part due to the hard work and dedication
8 of the Creative Industries Division of the State of Hawaii
9 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
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11 WHEREAS, established in 1978, the Hawaii Film Office
12 coordinates film and photographic use of Hawaii's parks,
13 beaches, highways, and facilities with the entertainment
14 industry to help acquire film permits and direct them to
15 appropriate county and federal agencies; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office consolidated the film
18 permitting program which is the only one of its kind in the
19 United States; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office also manages the Hawaii
22 Film Studio at Diamond Head and develops the local film,
23 television, and digital media industries in the state; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office secured \$7.3 million in
26 capital improvement projects funding to complete much-needed
27 renovations at the Hawaii Film Studio after funding had lapsed
28 for nearly seven years; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office played an instrumental role
31 in bringing "Lost" to Hawaii by securing the Hawaii Department



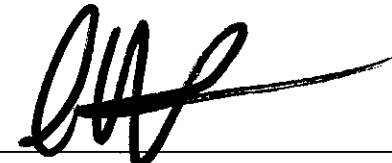
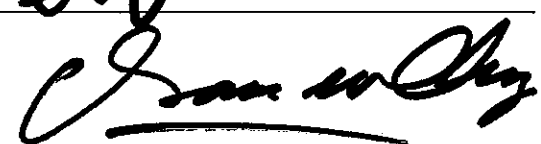
1 of Land and Natural Resources permission to store and facilitate
2 equipment and props used by the production crew; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office led the industry effort to
5 secure passage of Act 88, the 15-20 percent motion picture,
6 digital media, and film production refundable tax credit, and
7 developed the application, certification, and statistics-
8 tracking program to successfully manage the credit; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office processes more than 1,000
11 film permits annually for filming activity within the state and
12 has supported more than 7,000 film, television, and commercial
13 projects since 2001, including Blue Crush; The Rundown; Planet
14 of the Apes (2001); Die Another Day; 50 First Dates; Pirates of
15 the Caribbean: At World's End; Forgetting Sarah Marshall; and
16 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Office laid the groundwork for all
19 productions that just completed filming, currently shooting in
20 Hawaii, or planning to come to Hawaii to film, including
21 Hereafter, Soul Surfer, Divine Hero, The Descendants,
22 Battleship, Hawaii Five-O, and Pirates of the Caribbean: On
23 Stranger Tides; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2010, that the members of this body hereby recognize and
28 congratulate the Hawaii Film Office administration, including
29 Sandi Ichihara-Abe, Tammy Hasegawa, Charlene "Chuckie" Kwak, and
30 former members: Donne Dawson, Brent Anbe, and Kevin Inouye for
31 its hardworking efforts in enhancing the Hawaii film industry,
32 thanks it for its outstanding contributions to the community,
33 and extends to it its warmest aloha and best wishes in all
34 future endeavors.
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