
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE UNITED FISHING AGENCY FOR ITS DEDICATED SERVICE
TO HAWAII'S FISHING INDUSTRY.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii seafood industry is a multimillion-
2 dollar industry that employs an estimated 2,500 residents
3 throughout the wholesale/retail and import/export industries;
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6 WHEREAS, on August 5, 1952, Matsujiro Otani founded UNITED
7 FISHING AGENCY, also known as the Honolulu Fish Auction, at the
8 site of the old A'ala Market; and

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10 WHEREAS, due to the redevelopment of the A'ala area, UNITED
11 FISHING AGENCY relocated to Kewalo Basin in 1977 and, in 2004,
12 relocated to its present location at Pier 38 "Commercial Fishing
13 Village"; and

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15 WHEREAS, UNITED FISHING AGENCY provides independent
16 fishermen with a marketing service through which they can sell
17 their daily catch at a fair price, thereby providing the
18 freshest fish to the wholesale, retail, and restaurant sectors,
19 and providing fishermen with same-day payment for their catch;
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22 WHEREAS, UNITED FISHING AGENCY is the only fish auction
23 between Tokyo and Maine and the only fresh tuna auction of its
24 kind in the United States, processing as much as 160,000 pounds
25 of fish at its daily auction; and

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27 WHEREAS, UNITED FISHING AGENCY has enjoyed the support of
28 fishermen and marketers throughout its history and, today,
29 processes approximately twenty-five million pounds of fish worth
30 approximately seventy million dollars annually; and

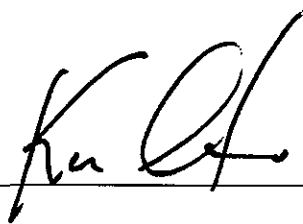


1 WHEREAS, UNITED FISHING AGENCY is a Transportation Security
2 Agency-certified packer and screener for the export of fresh
3 fish to the continental United States and around the world,
4 including Japan, Canada, and Europe; and
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6 WHEREAS, UNITED FISHING AGENCY is headed by Akira Otani,
7 Board Chairman; Danny Otani, President; Floyd Otani, Vice-
8 President; Dexter Okada, Vice-President and Director; Frank
9 Goto, Secretary and General Manager; and Brooks Takenaka,
10 Treasurer and Assistant Manager; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2010, that this body hereby honors and commends UNITED
15 FISHING AGENCY for its dedicated service to Hawaii's fishing
16 industry and to the people of Hawaii, and extends its warmest
17 aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future
18 endeavors.
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