
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE WAIALUA HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM #359.

1 WHEREAS, the proliferation of advances in science and
2 technology has resulted in a need for students to improve their
3 scientific reasoning skills and ability to think and problem-
4 solve on a conceptual level; and
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6 WHEREAS, along these lines, For Inspiration and Recognition
7 for Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics competitions were
8 designed to inspire young people to be science and technology
9 leaders by engaging them in mentor-based programs that build
10 science, engineering, and technology skills, inspire innovation,
11 and help develop students' self-confidence, communication, and
12 leadership; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Waialua High School Robotics Team #359 proudly
15 represents Hawaii as not only the first FIRST Robotics
16 Competition team in Hawaii, but also the first robotics-related
17 program in the state; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Waialua High School Robotics Team #359 has
20 been a part of FIRST since 1999 and has participated in the
21 FIRST Robotics Competition for nine years with a relatively
22 small and dedicated group of diverse students, instructors,
23 including their advisor Glenn Lee, mentors, and volunteers
24 striving to transform the culture of Waialua's plantation
25 community through the values of the team's motto-- "It's not
26 about winning...It's about teamwork, commitment, and
27 responsibility"; and
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29 WHEREAS, known as "The Hawaiian Kids" and distinguished by
30 their individual accomplishments toward a common goal, the
31 Waialua High School Robotics Team #359 has demonstrated a desire
32 for knowledge and an untiring commitment to the challenge of



1 building a collaborative team, a supportive community, and a
2 solid strategy for problem solving; and

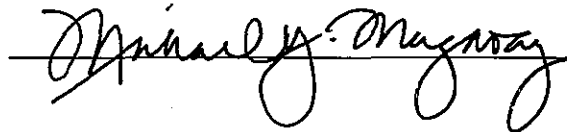
3 WHEREAS, FIRST competition redefines winning for these
4 students, as winning includes scoring the most number of points
5 through excellence in design and a demonstration of team spirit,
6 gracious professionalism, and the ability to overcome formidable
7 obstacles; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Waialua High School Robotics Team #359 took
10 top honors at the 2010 San Diego FIRST Regional Competition,
11 went on to lead a three-team alliance with teams from California
12 and Arizona to win the 2010 Arizona Regional FIRST Competition,
13 and recently led a team of schools, including McKinley and
14 Campbell High Schools, to take first place in the BAE Systems
15 FIRST in Hawaii Robotics Competition which earned them a bid to
16 the national championships to be held in Georgia; now,
17 therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2010, that this body hereby recognizes and commends the
22 Waialua High School Robotics Team #359, along with their
23 instructors, including advisor Glenn Lee, administrators,
24 volunteers, and parents, for their accomplishments, dedication,
25 and service to their community, and extends to them its warmest
26 aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future
27 endeavors.

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