
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN
SAFEGUARDING HAWAI'I'S NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES,
EDUCATING THE YOUTH OF HAWAI'I, AND PERPETUATING NATIVE
HAWAIIAN ORAL TRADITIONS AND HISTORY.

1 WHEREAS, the wealth and vitality of our State is due in
2 large part to the efforts of civic-minded individuals who give
3 so much of their time, energy, and talents to meet community and
4 cultural needs and to fulfill a vision for the well-being of
5 society; and

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7 WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK epitomizes such laudable
8 characteristics through her tireless work on numerous social
9 fronts, including her efforts to ensure the safety of Hawai'i's
10 natural and cultural resources, to educate the State's youth
11 through video and film, and to perpetuate Native Hawaiian oral
12 traditions and history through various forms of media
13 technology; and

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15 WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK has proven herself to be a
16 true daughter of Hawai'i through her involvement in grassroots
17 initiatives to protect the centuries-old heiaus Hawea and Pahua
18 in Hawai'i Kai, O'ahu, and to create statewide awareness about
19 the need to ban shark tours in the interest of public safety and
20 in respect of Native Hawaiian cultural beliefs; and

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22 WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK launched her Web site
23 maunalua.net in 2008, which functions as a rich repository of
24 stories offered by lifelong residents of East O'ahu's Maunalua
25 Bay and thereby preserves the rich oral history of the area for
26 succeeding generations to come; and

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28 WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK'S dedication to collecting
29 and preserving the oral histories of Native Hawaiian kupuna
30 (elders/ancestors) was recognized in 1996 when her critically



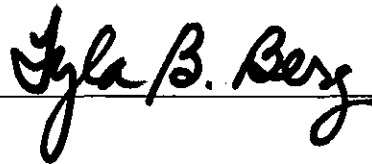
1 acclaimed film "Happy Birthday, Tutu Ruth" received the Gold
2 Apple award from the National Media Network Market; and
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4 WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK has worked for over 15 years
5 as a producer and director for the Teleschool Branch of the
6 Hawai'i State Department of Education, during which time she has
7 used the power of film to educate and empower Hawai'i's youngest
8 minds through such programs as "Choices," "Stories to Tell,"
9 "Voices and Wings," and "Pacific Clues"; and
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11 WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK received the 2009 award as
12 Outstanding Alumna of Sacred Hearts Academy for her selfless
13 contributions to community service and her distinguished
14 achievements as a filmmaker; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
18 of 2010, that this body hereby honors ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK for
19 her outstanding service in safeguarding Hawai'i's natural and
20 cultural resources, educating the youth of Hawai'i, and
21 perpetuating Native Hawaiian oral traditions and history, and
22 extends to her its sincerest gratitude and best wishes for her
23 future endeavors.
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