
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING WIMA CHULAKOTE AS THE 2010 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND CHRISTINE HO, JULIA ROSE LOPRESTI, KATHY LIN, SAMANTHA FUNES, EMILY HAINES-SWATEK, AND CRYSTAL ISHIDA AS THE 2010 HAWAII STATE DISTRICTS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

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, Wima Chulakote, who has taught at Olomana School
11 as a highly qualified math teacher since 2004, and learned the
12 importance of education during his youth in Thailand and
13 believes that "if given the opportunity to prove themselves, all
14 students are capable of success regardless of their background
15 or past experiences", was given the prestigious honor of being
16 named the 2010 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year; and
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18 WHEREAS, Christine Ho, a National Board Certified Teacher
19 who has taught digital media at Farrington High School since
20 2006, aspires to teach art "as a perfect marriage of social
21 service and creativity," exemplified in the many large-scale
22 community projects such as the Annual Farrington Film Festival
23 that she initiates and organizes, has earned the recognition of
24 being named the 2010 Honolulu District Teacher of the Year; and
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26 WHEREAS, Julia Rose LoPresti, who has been a drama
27 instructor at Aiea Intermediate since 2006, and whose passion
28 for the theater was nurtured by her own high school drama
29 teacher, engages and encourages students to be accountable for



1 their actions and delights in using and creating art "to
2 influence positive social change," has earned the recognition of
3 being named the 2010 Central District Teacher of the Year; and
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5 WHEREAS, Kathy Lin, who has taught science at Highlands
6 Intermediate since 2002, and passes on her passion for science
7 to her students by introducing them to the fascinating world of
8 scientific knowledge and discovery, and retains their newly
9 kindled interest by organizing fun-filled non-academic
10 activities as she believes that "school is more than textbooks,
11 experiments, and lectures," has been named the 2010 Leeward
12 District Teacher of the Year; and
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14 WHEREAS, Samantha Funes, who has taught at Keonepoko
15 Elementary as a reading and computer teacher since 2007, changed
16 her college major from Human Services to Early Childhood
17 Education after a position as a Sunday school teacher made her
18 realize that teaching was her calling, and strongly encourages
19 all educators to "find the expert in every child," has been
20 given the distinction of being named the 2010 Hawaii District
21 Teacher of the Year; and
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23 WHEREAS, Emily Haines-Swatek, who has taught at King
24 Kekaulike High School as a Career and Technical Coordinator for
25 the past ten years, has facilitated the Environmental and
26 Spatial Technology Program since 2001 to allow her students to
27 become self-directed learners by using technology to benefit the
28 public, and is committed to her profession and students and is
29 "willing to sacrifice on many fronts" to positively change
30 lives, has been named the 2010 Maui District Teacher of the
31 Year; and
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33 WHEREAS, Crystal Ishida, who has taught 4th and 5th grade at
34 Kekaha Elementary since 2001, inspires her students to be
35 environmentally aware by using project-based learning to
36 integrate technology, mathematics, science, and language arts,
37 and whose teaching approach is "hands-on, a deliberate
38 invitation for students to discover how and why things work,"
39 has been named the 2010 Kauai District Teacher of the Year; and
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1 WHEREAS, Wima Chulakote, Christine Ho, Julie Rose LoPresti,
2 Kathy Lin, Samantha Funes, Emily Haines-Swatek, and Crystal
3 Ishida, through their dedication and commitment to serving the
4 children in our schools, have proven themselves worthy of being
5 honored as inspirational teachers and role models for our public
6 school community; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2010, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and
11 honors, Wima Chulakote, Christine Ho, Julie Rose LoPresti, Kathy
12 Lin, Samantha Funes, Emily Haines-Swatek, and Crystal Ishida for
13 their outstanding accomplishments and recognition as Hawaii's
14 2010 Teachers of the Year, and extends to all of them its
15 sincere Mahalo and best wishes for continued success.
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