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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE HAWAIIAN CAUCUS DAY.

1           WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawai`i are always  
2 proud to recognize those special individuals who selflessly  
3 dedicate much of their time, energy, and natural talent to  
4 faithfully serve the community and contribute to the overall  
5 well-being of the State; and

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7           WHEREAS, we are proud to honor four individuals that  
8 encompass all those qualities. These honorees include Mr. Jerry  
9 Konanui of Pahoa, Mr. Shad Kane of Kapolei, Ms. Leina`ala Heine  
10 of Waimanalo, and Kupuna Dorothy Kanani Awai of Haleiwa; and

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12           WHEREAS, JERRY KONANUI of Pahoa is a Native Hawaiian  
13 Mahi`ai and a renowned and respected Hawaiian kupuna with  
14 extensive knowledge on the cultivation and propagation of kalo,  
15 awa, ko and `uala. He is credited with finding several  
16 varieties of Hawaiian kalo which were previously thought to be  
17 extinct and in recent years has been involved with the Hawaiian  
18 and taro farming communities' efforts to restore and perpetuate  
19 Hawaii's endemic food and medicinal plants and protect them from  
20 genetic modification; and

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22           WHEREAS, SHAD KANE has been an instrumental leader in the  
23 Hawaiian community as well as the Kapolei and Makakilo areas  
24 through his involvement with numerous organizations such as the  
25 Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club, the Royal Order of Kamehameha  
26 Ekahi, the O`ahu Island Burial Council, the Makakilo/Kapolei/  
27 Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board, and the West Oahu Employment  
28 Corporation. He has worked tirelessly to give the new "Second  
29 City" of Kapolei a strong Hawaiian cultural presence and has  
30 additionally worked for the preservation of our island's  
31 cultural, historical and environmental heritage. More  
32 affectionately known as Uncle Shad Kane, he has also been

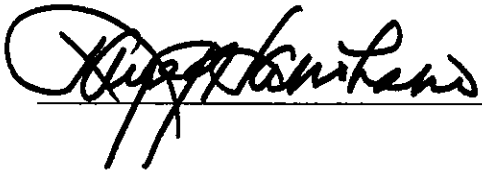


1 devoted to the promotion of job creation, recreational  
2 opportunities and civic involvement in the West O'ahu area; and  
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4 WHEREAS, as a powerful influential figure in hula,  
5 LEINA'ALA KALAMA HEINE of Waimanalo has not only partaken in the  
6 annual presentation of the Merrie Monarch Festival as a  
7 competitor and judge, but she has also dedicated her life to the  
8 preservation of Hawaiian culture through the perpetuation of  
9 hula and preparing women to become future kumu hula and  
10 practitioners who aspire to carry on the traditions of mele oli  
11 and mele hula; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Kupuna DOROTHY KANANI AWAI of Haleiwa is  
14 recognized for her endless sharing and giving of her aloha and  
15 musical talents, giving her time, love, and support to numerous  
16 community events for decades. As a Hawaiian studies teacher and  
17 an ukulele instructor, Kupuna Awai has blessed our keiki with  
18 her mana'o, planted seeds of aloha, and taught the fundamentals  
19 of traditional Hawaiian music thereby perpetuating Hawaiian  
20 culture for our future generations. Truly, Kupuna Awai embraces  
21 and embodies the spirit of aloha; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular  
25 Session of 2011, that this body commends and honors JERRY  
26 KONANUI, SHAD KANE, LEINA'ALA KALAMA HEINE, and DOROTHY KANANI  
27 AWAI who selflessly dedicate much of their time, energy, and  
28 natural talent to faithfully serve the community and contribute  
29 to the overall well-being of the State, and extends to them its  
30 deepest gratitude, warmest aloha, and best wishes for continued  
31 success.  
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