
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NORMAN SAKATA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE KONA
COFFEE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature is proud to recognize those
2 special individuals who selflessly use their talents, knowledge,
3 and sincere compassion to faithfully serve and support their
4 community; and
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6 WHEREAS, since 1970, the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival has
7 sought to preserve, perpetuate, and promote Kona's unique 183-
8 year coffee heritage; and
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10 WHEREAS, NORMAN SAKATA transformed the Kona Coffee Cultural
11 Festival, which showcases over 60 coffee farms in Kona, into the
12 largest, oldest, and most renowned food festival in Hawaii, and
13 has honored pioneer coffee farmers who dedicated their lives to
14 cultivating coffee by naming them Grand Marshal of the festival;
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17 WHEREAS, a third-generation coffee farmer, NORMAN SAKATA
18 has served for 18 years as president and chairman of the Kona
19 Coffee Cultural Festival, and has received numerous service
20 awards for his commitment to helping others; and
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22 WHEREAS, NORMAN SAKATA served the Boy Scouts of America for
23 over five decades with 22 years as a scout leader, producing 22
24 eagle scouts, including Hawaii's first astronaut, Ellison
25 Onizuka, who grew up in the coffee fields of Kona and
26 successfully campaigned for Kona coffee to be the official
27 coffee of the space program; and
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29 WHEREAS, inspired by his blind grandmother, NORMAN SAKATA
30 became the founder of the Lion's Club Eye Bank, which through
31 funding and moral support, contributed the gift of vision to



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1 more than 4,000 recipients, and helped raise over \$300,000 in
2 donations; and
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4 WHEREAS, NORMAN SAKATA's mission in life is to recognize
5 the founding pioneers' efforts in cultivating Kona coffee,
6 promote the Kona community and its coffee to a broader market,
7 and continue to improve the quality of life in the community;
8 now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2011, that this body hereby expresses its sincere
13 appreciation and gratitude to NORMAN SAKATA for his unfailing
14 dedication and generosity to the people of west Hawaii, and
15 extends to him its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued
16 success in all future endeavors.

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