
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING YUUKO ARIKAWA AS THE 2010 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD WINNER, DAWN HOMONT AS THE 2010 MILKEN TEACHER OF PROMISE AWARD WINNER, DARREL GALERA AS THE 2010 METLIFE/NASSP HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, JUSTIN MEW AS THE 2010 METLIFE/NASSP MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, MICHAEL HARANO AS THE 2010 NAESP HAWAII DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LIHOLIHO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND WAIALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE 2011 HAWAII BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, YUUKO ARIKAWA, a teacher at Kaala Elementary
2 School since 2000, has outstanding qualities as a language arts
3 teacher, reading coach, and leader, all of which helped to guide
4 the school out of restructuring into good standing under No
5 Child Left Behind; goes out of her way to facilitate the home-
6 school connection by bringing academic materials to students'
7 homes and tutoring students personally; developed a pacing guide
8 to help teachers understand the framework of new curriculum; and
9 taught other teachers how to analyze student data; and

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11 WHEREAS, DAWN HOMONT, a seventh grade physical education
12 teacher at Waianae Intermediate School, demonstrates the highest
13 qualities of a professional educator; has been described by her
14 nominator as "having stringent expectations for her students"
15 out of a belief that "strong bodies enhance strong minds," and
16 that she "employs a program that supports positive social and
17 emotional development"; and has achieved great results within
18 the first four semesters of her teaching; and

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20 WHEREAS, DARREL GALERA, principal of Moanalua High School
21 since 2000, has helped students achieve an average graduation
22 rate of 91 percent, and has also helped the average rate of
23 students moving on to higher education institutions reach 87
24 percent, has garnered multiple outstanding educator awards,
25 hosts a statewide professional development conference at



1 Moanalua High School every year, has been called "a visionary
2 leader" by colleagues, and has also been described as having
3 "students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders...working
4 collaboratively to fulfill the mission of the school"; and
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6 WHEREAS, JUSTIN MEW, principal of Niu Valley Middle School
7 since 2006, helped Niu Valley become the first middle school in
8 Hawaii to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years
9 Programme, ascribes to Yoda's Jedi wisdom from *Star Wars* to
10 guide him, "has totally changed the perception and the
11 reputation of the school with parents and the community," and
12 has many in the community saying that "his positive and
13 principled character allows for open communication"; and
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15 WHEREAS, MICHAEL HARANO, principal of Washington Middle
16 School since 2003, has worked in Hawaii's public school system
17 for the past 34 years, has a philosophy of, "It's not mandatory,
18 it's not optional, it's what we do!" which has made him an
19 exceptional leader within the school and in the community,
20 always asks students "How hard have you worked?" and has helped
21 foster an environment that encourages a champion math team; and
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23 WHEREAS, KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is committed to
24 providing a comprehensive, well-rounded education to develop
25 respectful, responsible, resourceful, and resilient student
26 leaders who have a passion for life-long learning; achieved a 94
27 percent proficiency score in reading in the 2009-2010 Hawaii
28 State Assessment, surpassing the state average of 67 percent by
29 27 percentage points; and achieved an 83 percent proficiency
30 score in math in the 2009-2010 Hawaii State Assessment,
31 surpassing the state average of 49 percent by 34 percentage
32 points; and
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34 WHEREAS, LIHOLIHO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has a mission to
35 inspire and support a community of caring, competent, and
36 creative learners; has had its principal and several teachers
37 nominated for several awards; has 87 percent of its students
38 either meeting or exceeding reading standards on the 2009-2010
39 Hawaii State Assessment; and 83 percent of its students either
40 meeting or exceeding math standards on the 2009-2010 Hawaii
41 State Assessment; and



1 WHEREAS, WAIALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL believes in partnering
2 with families and the community to create a safe learning
3 environment where students learn to be responsible,
4 compassionate citizens in a global society; has had its
5 Enhancing Education Through Technology grant pave the way for
6 increased student achievement; has 77 percent of its student
7 body either meeting or exceeding the reading standards in the
8 2009-2010 Hawaii State Assessment; and has 66 percent of its
9 student body either meeting or exceeding the 2009-2010 Hawaii
10 State Assessment in math; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2011, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and
15 honors YUUKO ARIKAWA as the 2010 Milken Educator Award Winner;
16 DAWN HOMONT as the 2010 Milken Teacher of Promise Award Winner;
17 DARREL GALERA, the 2010 High School Principal of the Year;
18 JUSTIN MEW, the 2010 Middle School Principal of the Year;
19 MICHAEL HARANO, the 2010 Distinguished Principal of the Year;
20 and KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LIHOLIHO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, and
21 WAIALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL as Hawaii's 2011 Blue Ribbon Schools,
22 and extends to all of them its sincere mahalo and best wishes
23 for continued success in all future endeavors.

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