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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KRISTEN BRUMMEL AS THE 2011 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND MICHELLE COLTE, ALISA BENDER, DEBORAH YASUDA, SANDY CAMELI, SCOT KIYONAGA, AND ALTHEA ARINAGA AS THE 2011 HAWAII STATE DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

1           WHEREAS, in light of the important rôle the public  
2 education system plays in shaping Hawaii's future, it is always  
3 a pleasure and a privilege for the Hawaii State House of  
4 Representatives to recognize those exceptional individuals who  
5 have made significant achievements in education, inspired and  
6 challenged the young minds of our State, and encouraged people  
7 to become actively involved in their community; and  
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9           WHEREAS, KRISTEN BRUMMEL, a National Board Certified  
10 teacher at Noelani Elementary School, wishes "to inspire  
11 children and instill the confidence in them that will help them  
12 realize that they are all capable of amazing things," has  
13 introduced her fourth graders to "A World of Discovery," where  
14 students are constantly encouraged to think, and was given the  
15 prestigious honor of being named the 2011 Hawaii State Teacher  
16 of the Year; and  
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18           WHEREAS, MICHELLE COLTE, a librarian at Hale Kula  
19 Elementary School who received her master's degree in library  
20 and information science in 2004, wants students to feel a sense  
21 of ohana despite the fact that many Hale Kula students come from  
22 military families and therefore stay in Hawaii for only one to  
23 three years, believes that teachers need to embrace  
24 accountability, and that "purposeful change brings meaningful  
25 change"; and  
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27           WHEREAS, ALISA BENDER, an English teacher since 2005 and  
28 now vice principal at James Campbell High School, earned a 4.0  
29 grade point average while pursuing her master's degree in  
30 secondary education after her children entered high school,



1 "wants to help develop students' learning into a  
2 transformational experience," and believes that "the new world,  
3 the global economy, demands higher quality education for all";  
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6 WHEREAS, DEBORAH YASUDA, a first grade teacher at Puohala  
7 Elementary School, doesn't see teaching as a job, but rather as  
8 an extension of herself and her desire to make a difference in  
9 the lives of her children, has a philosophy of "Do it with A-L-  
10 O-H-A" that stands for Attitude, Literacy, Ownership, Heart, and  
11 Appreciation, and believes that confident students "can succeed  
12 on their journey to becoming lifelong learners"; and  
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14 WHEREAS, SANDY CAMELI, a sixth grade teacher at Konawaena  
15 Middle School for twenty-five years, does not believe "that  
16 learning should have an end point...[and that learning] is its  
17 own reward," is living by this principle by pursuing a  
18 doctorate, and continues to embrace and model the ideas of a  
19 lifelong learner at Konawaena Middle School; and  
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21 WHEREAS, SCOT KIYONAGA, a band teacher at Maui Waena  
22 Intermediate School, has a teaching philosophy of "Embody what  
23 you teach, teach what you embody," and believes that teachers  
24 "have a global responsibility to everyone" and "must inspire the  
25 next generation to achieve greatness with dignity and respect  
26 for each other and the world"; and  
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28 WHEREAS, ALTHEA KALEI ARINAGA is a fourth grade teacher at  
29 Kapaa Elementary School whose dedication, extending beyond the  
30 school's boundaries and hours, is exemplified by having her  
31 students participate in community service projects so they  
32 "learn to take care of the world by understanding where they  
33 live and taking action in their own backyards and communities";  
34 now, therefore,  
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
38 of 2011, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and  
39 honors KRISTEN BRUMMEL, MICHELLE COLTE, ALISA BENDER, DEBORAH  
40 YASUDA, SANDY CAMELI, SCOT KIYONAGA, and ALTHEA ARINAGA for  
41 their outstanding accomplishments and recognition as Hawaii's



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1 2011 Teachers of the Year, and extends to all of them its  
2 sincere mahalo and best wishes for continued success in all  
3 future endeavors.  
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