
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CECILIO AND KAPONO ON THEIR LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AS CONTEMPORARY HAWAIIAN MUSIC ARTISTS.

1 WHEREAS, music has always played an integral role in
2 Hawaiian culture, from traditional chants to the resurgence of
3 Hawaiian-influenced mainstream music in the late 20th century;
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6 WHEREAS, the musical traditions celebrated in Hawaii
7 experienced a resurgence in the 1970s known as the Hawaiian
8 Renaissance; and

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10 WHEREAS, introduced by mutual friends during the Hawaiian
11 Renaissance, Cecilio Rodriguez and Henry Kapono Ka'aihue merged
12 into one, forming CECILIO & KAPONO, also known as "C&K", and
13 played their first gig at JJ's Café in 1973; and

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15 WHEREAS, CECILIO & KAPONO's perfect blending of
16 arrangements became known as the "C&K sound" that electrified
17 fans and ultimately led to eight consecutive months of sold-out
18 shows at Waikiki's Rainbow Villa which resulted in a multi-album
19 recording contract with Columbia Records; and

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21 WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, CECILIO & KAPONO have
22 captured many hearts around the world, releasing 14 albums and
23 producing numerous hit songs resulting in various Na Hoku
24 Hanohano Awards, including Contemporary Album of the Year, Group
25 of the Year, Song of the Year, and Album of the Year; and

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27 WHEREAS, classic CECILIO & KAPONO songs such as "About
28 You", "Highway in the Sun", "Lifetime Party", "Friends", "Good
29 Times Together", and "Sailin'" remain beloved island favorites;
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1 WHEREAS, CECILIO & KAPONO have toured the nation and the
2 world, performing at sold-out concerts in Japan, Guam, Saipan,
3 Diego Garcia, Tahiti, and the Cook Islands, sharing the stage
4 with some of the greatest American artists of their time,
5 including Santana, Loggins & Messina, Boz Scaggs, Peter
6 Frampton, Cheech & Chong, and numerous others; and
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8 WHEREAS, CECILIO & KAPONO and their highly-lauded work
9 continue to serve as a source of inspiration for contemporary
10 Hawaiian music and musicians, and remind us of all that is
11 remarkable about our island home; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2011, that this body hereby commemorates the Lifetime
16 Achievement Award of CECILIO & KAPONO, honors their
17 contributions to contemporary Hawaiian music, expresses its
18 heartfelt thanks for the gift of music they have given to fans
19 worldwide and to the people of Hawaii, and extends to them its
20 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all
21 future endeavors.
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