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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JALEE FUSELIER ON REPRESENTING HAWAII AS MISS HAWAII 2010, AND COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS 2011 HAWAII STATE HONOREES AND 2011 HAWAII STATE DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS.

1           WHEREAS, JALEE FUSELIER, Miss Hawaii 2010, a Haleiwa  
2 resident, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in the Miss America pageant,  
3 where she represented her home state and district with pride and  
4 aloha; and

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6           WHEREAS, JALEE FUSELIER, has a passion to serve the people  
7 of Hawaii by earning a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology  
8 and promoting mental and physical health as well as promoting,  
9 preserving and perpetuating the diverse cultures of the world;  
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12           WHEREAS, JALEE FUSELIER's, love of her sister has inspired  
13 her to a commitment of lifetime service to her community; and

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15           WHEREAS, JALEE FUSELIER has earned the Aloha United Way's  
16 Presidential Lifetime Service Award and Volunteer of the Year  
17 Award for founding Ready for the Real World, a non-profit  
18 organization, which offers scholarships to students wanting to  
19 further their education or grants for students to encourage  
20 volunteerism or study abroad; and

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22           WHEREAS, JALEE FUSELIER has also received the Children's  
23 Miracle Network Miracle Maker Award, Miss Hawaii Academic and  
24 Community Service Award, and the Miss Hawaii Outstanding Teen  
25 Award; and

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27           WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is the  
28 United States' largest youth recognition program based on  
29 volunteer community service; and



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2 WHEREAS, the awards were created in 1995 by Prudential in  
3 partnership with the National Association of Secondary School  
4 Principals to honor middle and high school students at the  
5 local, state, and national level for outstanding service to  
6 others; and

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8 WHEREAS, over the past 16 years, more than 310,000 young  
9 Americans have participated in the program and more than 95,000  
10 of them have been officially recognized for their volunteer  
11 work; and

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13 WHEREAS, the program strives to both acknowledge young  
14 people who are making a positive difference and to inspire  
15 others to think about how they might contribute to the well  
16 being of their communities; and

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18 WHEREAS, the top middle and high school students from  
19 Hawaii will receive a silver medallion and a \$1,000 scholarship  
20 and will travel to Washington D.C.; and

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22 WHEREAS, the two 2011 Hawaii State Honorees are Carly  
23 Button and Natalie Mohr; and

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25 WHEREAS, Carly Button, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Hawaii Technology  
26 Academy, co-founded "Dream of a Better World" and raised more  
27 than \$35,000; and

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29 WHEREAS, Carly and "Dream of a Better World" provided a  
30 scholarship, bought a van for an orphanage, provided backpacks  
31 filled with supplies for Hawaii's homeless children, and  
32 traveled to Africa to care for HIV positive youth; and

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34 WHEREAS, Natalie Mohr, a senior at Kealakehe High School,  
35 has spent more than 2700 hours volunteering at Hawaii's only  
36 nationally accredited animal sanctuary; and

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38 WHEREAS, Natalie cares for and rehabilitates hundreds of  
39 injured animals, leads educational tours, conducts community  
40 outreach programs, and heads an educational program to mentor



1 children so they can positively impact Hawaii's wildlife  
2 ecosystem; and

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4 WHEREAS, 2011 Hawaii State distinguished finalists are  
5 Richel Marie Cole and Kyle Nakatsuka who received bronze medals  
6 in recognition of their outstanding efforts; and

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8 WHEREAS, Richel Marie Cole, a senior at Sacred Hearts  
9 Academy High School co-founded the YWCA youth network, to have a  
10 place for youth to be able to express their voice and have a  
11 safe environment to grow and become leaders; and

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13 WHEREAS, Kyle Nakatsuka, a senior at Kamehameha High School  
14 - Kapalama, founded Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange to  
15 help at risk youth learn to build a bike of their own using  
16 parts, tools, and instruction services provided free of charge;  
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2011, that this body commends and congratulates JALEE  
22 FUSELIER on representing our state as Miss Hawaii 2010, with a  
23 grace and poise that denotes her inner character, and wishes her  
24 continued success in her dedicated work in the community and in  
25 all of her future endeavors.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of  
28 the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
29 Session of 2011, commend and congratulate Carly Button and  
30 Natalie Mohr as Prudential Spirit of community Awards 2011  
31 Hawaii State Honorees and Richel Marie Cole and Kyle Nakatsuka  
32 as 2011 Hawaii State Distinguished Finalists.

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35 OFFERED BY: *Bil Riecke*

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