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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HENK ROGERS, BLUE PLANET  
FOUNDATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND STAFF FOR EXEMPLARY  
COMMITMENT TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is always proud to recognize  
2 those special individuals and organizations whose extraordinary  
3 achievements make a difference in the community and the world;  
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6           WHEREAS, renewable energy and sustainability are of the  
7 utmost importance to our island state, which depends on imported  
8 petroleum for 90 percent of its energy needs, and to the nation  
9 and the world; and  
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11           WHEREAS, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and video-game  
12 visionary Henk Rogers, who brought the game "Tetris" from Russia  
13 to the United States and the rest of the western world, in 2007  
14 founded BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION, a Honolulu-based nonprofit  
15 organization, whose mission is to end the use of fossil fuels;  
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18           WHEREAS, in 2008, BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION convened a three-  
19 day summit meeting that involved leading national figures in  
20 science, government, the arts, and industry to frame a future of  
21 sustainability and to tackle the ongoing challenges of energy  
22 sustainability; and  
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24           WHEREAS, BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION has contributed to the  
25 sustainability awareness and positive, energy-saving lifestyle  
26 changes of Hawaii residents through educational programs,  
27 legislative efforts, and a multitude of public events; and  
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29           WHEREAS, BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION's recent achievements  
30 include replacing 100,000 traditional light bulbs with energy-  
31 efficient CFLs or LEDs, partnering with the Council for Native



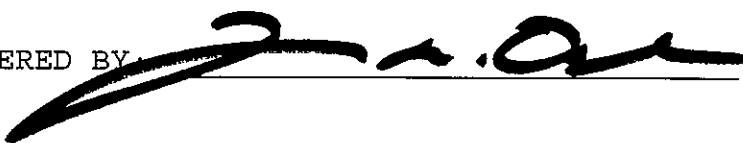
1 Hawaiian Advancement to assist in the installation of 100 solar  
 2 water heaters on Hawaiian homestead homes, and producing the  
 3 television program "Hawaii Home Energy Makeover 2," which  
 4 offered viewers ideas that would improve Hawaii's bright energy  
 5 future; and

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 7 WHEREAS, BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION's current goals include an  
 8 energy-efficiency plan for Kauai, phase two of Molokai's "Go  
 9 Green and Carbon Clean" campaign, and a project that enables  
 10 donors to contribute to solar installations for schools and  
 11 community centers; and

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 13 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Founder and Chairman Henk  
 14 Rogers, Executive Director Jeff Mikulina, the Board of  
 15 Directors, composed of former Hawaii Governors George Ariyoshi  
 16 and Benjamin Cayetano, University of Hawaii at Manoa Chancellor  
 17 Virginia Hinshaw, Akemi Rogers, Maxine Burkett, Peter E. Crouch,  
 18 Stanley W. Hong, Darren Kimura, Robert Lloyd, and David  
 19 Williams, and the efforts of its entire team, BLUE PLANET  
 20 FOUNDATION has contributed to the further greening of these  
 21 islands; now, therefore,

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 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 25 of 2011, that this body hereby commends and congratulates Henk  
 26 Rogers, BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION, its Board of Directors, and  
 27 staff for their exemplary commitment to the Hawaiian Islands and  
 28 its future generations, and extends its warmest aloha and best  
 29 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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