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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING HANNIE ANDERSON, DOUGLAS POOLOA TOLENTINO, AND  
EDITH VAN GIESON FOR BEING SELECTED AS HAWAIIAN CAUCUS 2012  
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WHEREAS, the real beauty of our island-state lies in its people whose lives are manifested with respect for ancestry and cultural origin, and who honor their heritage by a life of service to the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Hannie Anderson, Douglas Pooloa, and Edith Van Gieson have made life-long commitments to honor the Hawaiian culture in paddling, tradition in art, and legacy in music which are preserved and shared among many generations in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Hannie Anderson had been with the Waikiki Surf Club since 1951, before becoming one of the founding members of Na Wahine O Ke Kai in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Hannie Anderson has been race director for the Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai to Oahu Canoe Race since its beginning in 1979, organizing the 41-mile crossing from Molokai to Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, Hannie Anderson continues to contribute to the Hawaiian sport of paddling as race commissioner for the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association after having given so much of her time and energy to so many entities, including being president of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Pooloa Tolentino flourished at the junction of many cultures as the son of Angelina Brown Tolentino and Clarence Pooloa Tolentino, practicing the things he learned as a child of a multilingual and multicultural household in all



1 of his interactions with friends, acquaintances and strangers;  
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4 WHEREAS, Douglas Pooloa Tolentino has contributed his art  
5 to the 2012 Legislative Hawaiian Caucus after many years of  
6 contributing his talents to so many entities in the State of  
7 Hawaii and the Hawaiian community; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Douglas Pooloa Tolentino has perpetuated through  
10 his artistic gifts the many significant experiences and diverse  
11 oral histories of his closest friends and mentors, which include  
12 Leilani Fernandez, Edith McKenzie, Lorna Prendergast, Irmgard  
13 Farden Aluli, Frank Palani Kahala and Kahauanu Lake; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Douglas Pooloa Tolentino has always honored the  
16 ano, the intrinsic style, of the dualistic tradition of Hawaiian  
17 peoples' understanding of kuleana, acknowledging both the  
18 privilege and responsibility of honoring the past as a  
19 contemporary Hawaiian artist, musician and genealogist; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii is greatly enriched by the contributions of  
22 dedicated individuals who make our island home a better and  
23 healthier place in which to live and work and Edith Van Gieson,  
24 a co-founder of the Leeward Kai Canoe Club, is one such person;  
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27 WHEREAS, Edith, together with her late husband Henry,  
28 established the Nanakuli-based club in 1967; and  
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30 WHEREAS, She and their three children- Ryan, Rena, Myron  
31 and their families-have devoted close to a half-century to  
32 fostering cultural pride and promoting sportsmanship on the  
33 Wai'anae Coast; and  
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35 WHEREAS, in June, the club will host at Nanakuli Beach the  
36 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Regatta for the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe  
37 Racing Association; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Wai'anae Coast residents have long benefitted from  
40 the Van Gieson family's commitment to cultivating canoe paddling  
41 as a wholesome and challenging sport for people of all ages, and



1 under the direction of Head Coach Ryan Van Gieson, the club  
2 currently serves 88 children and 65 families; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-sixth legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular session  
6 of 2012, that this body hereby commends and thanks these  
7 individuals for life-long dedication and extends its warmest  
8 aloha and best wishes for their continued service to the people  
9 of the State of Hawaii.

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