
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S
2013 AWARDEES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii appreciates the importance of
2 encouraging small business owners and their contributions to the
3 growth of the local economy; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Small Business Administration annually
6 recognizes the top entrepreneurs and advocates in our state with
7 prestigious awards; and

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9 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives joins the business
10 community in recognizing the noteworthy, outstanding business
11 achievements of the Small Business Administration's State of
12 Hawaii awardees; and

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14 WHEREAS, DAVID YOGI and JAMES KWONG, of the geotechnical
15 engineering firm Yogi Kwong Engineers, LLC, are the recipients
16 of the State of Hawaii's Small Business Person of the Year Award
17 for 2013 for their successful innovation and thriving business
18 achieved through work that benefits the community; and

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20 WHEREAS, the President and CEO of Big Island Candies, ALLAN
21 K. IKAWA, has received the State of Hawaii's 2013
22 Entrepreneurial Success of the Year award because of his
23 company's respected and high quality products; and

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25 WHEREAS, JIM FREEMAN, RALPH SHELBOURNE, and BENJAMIN
26 CANDARI are the recipients of the 2013 Small Business Exporter
27 of the Year Award for FSC Architects' operations outside of the
28 United States; and

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30 WHEREAS, STERLING KAYA's Hana Pa'a Fishing Company, which
31 has been in operation for two decades, has been named the 2013
32 Family-Owned Business of the Year; and



1 WHEREAS, the Young Entrepreneur of the Year for 2013 is
2 BILLY GIANG, the president and owner of SG Group Incorporated,
3 who has demonstrated strong business skills with his exciting
4 new business; and

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6 WHEREAS, due to his assistance in providing services to
7 small businesses, ROBERT S. KAWAHARA of Kawahara + Co., CPAS,
8 LLC, has been named 2013 Financial Services Champion of the
9 Year; and

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11 WHEREAS, an innovative and lifelong-entrepreneur, NAOMI
12 HAZELTON-GIAMBRONE is the co-owner and co-publisher of Element
13 Media, and has been recognized as the 2013 Women in Business
14 Champion of the Year; and

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16 WHEREAS, for fulfilling a commitment to advancing small
17 business opportunities for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces,
18 LESLIE WILKINS is the 2013 Veteran Small Business Champion of
19 the Year; and




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21 WHEREAS, by assisting minority entrepreneurs and business
22 owners, JOSE VILLA of Latin Business Hawaii is awarded the title
23 of the 2013 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year; and

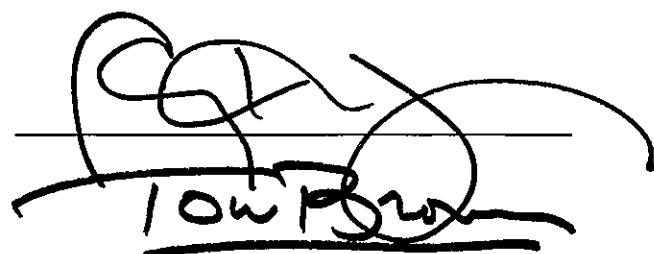


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25 WHEREAS, CRAIG SWIFT is the 2013 Home-Based Business
26 Champion of the Year for voluntarily improving such ventures
27 with his breadth of knowledge and experiences; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2013, that this body hereby recognizes and
32 congratulates the United States Small Business Administration's
33 2013 State of Hawaii awardees, and sincerely extends to them its
34 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all
35 future endeavors.

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