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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII ON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

1           WHEREAS, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII is the 14<sup>th</sup> learning  
2 center in an international network of 48 learning centers that  
3 have been established in memory of the crew of the Space Shuttle  
4 Challenger by the Challenger Center for Space Science Education;  
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7           WHEREAS, operated by the Department of Education's Leeward  
8 District, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII is an exciting, hands-on  
9 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning  
10 center located on the campus of Barbers Point Elementary School;  
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13           WHEREAS, since opening its doors in 1993, CHALLENGER CENTER  
14 HAWAII has educated and inspired more than 96,000 students to  
15 develop their critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and  
16 fundamental life skills; and  
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18           WHEREAS, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII provides students with an  
19 exciting space simulation experience in which they are given the  
20 opportunity to solve real-world problems while exploring the  
21 wonders of deep space; and  
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23           WHEREAS, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII has motivated and  
24 educated more than 1,500 teachers in its rigorous and relevant  
25 standards-based STEM curriculum; participating teachers lead  
26 students in 6 to 8 weeks of classroom preparation, culminating  
27 in the hands-on application of knowledge and critical thinking  
28 on Mission Day; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the realistic missions - "Return to the Moon" and  
31 "Rendezvous with Comet Halley" - provide students with a unique  
32 opportunity to apply vital decision-making skills and learn the




1 value of teamwork as they work together to accomplish their  
2 collective objectives and finish the mission successfully, and  
3 since the program's inception, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII has  
4 flown more than 3,500 missions for students in grades 6 through  
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7 WHEREAS, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII continues the legacy of  
8 Hawaii-born astronaut Ellison Onizuka and the Space Shuttle  
9 Challenger crew, and is a valuable asset to the Department of  
10 Education and the State of Hawaii; its doors must remain open to  
11 enable the center to continue its mission to inspire students to  
12 dream big and value their education; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Friends of Challenger Center Hawaii, Inc., was  
15 created to provide community support to ensure that the  
16 CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII remains operational for many  
17 generations to come; and

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19 WHEREAS, on Monday, April 8, 2013, CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAII  
20 will celebrate 20 years of motivating middle school students to  
21 pursue courses and careers in the areas of science, technology,  
22 engineering, and math; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2013, that this body hereby congratulates CHALLENGER  
27 CENTER HAWAII on the momentous occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
28 recognizes the Center for its outstanding record of educating  
29 and inspiring Hawaii's students and teachers, and extends its  
30 warmest aloha and sincere best wishes for continued success in  
31 all future endeavors.

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