
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON
BEING A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REPAIR, OR EXPANSION
OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, in any great nation, education is highly regarded
2 as the basis for success and achievement, and the key for
3 preparing individuals for the personal and work challenges of
4 the future; and

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6 WHEREAS, military families move between postings on a
7 regular basis, and while reassignments can often be a boon for
8 career personnel, they can be difficult for the children of
9 military families; and

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11 WHEREAS, the average military student faces transition
12 challenges more than twice during high school, and most military
13 children will attend six to nine different school systems in
14 their lives from kindergarten through the twelfth grade; and

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16 WHEREAS, our military children and families help sustain
17 our fighting force, which provides for the security and safety
18 of our nation's families and communities; and

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20 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii believe that the
21 spirit of education is strengthened by schools like HALE KULA
22 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL that provide the foundation and environment
23 for quality education for the youth of our state; and

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25 WHEREAS, built in 1959 as the "Wahiawa 2nd Elementary
26 School," HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is one of ten schools in
27 the Leilehua Complex, services students from preschool to the
28 fifth grade, and aligns its curriculum with the Common Core
29 State Standards and the Hawaii Content and Performance
30 Standards; and



1 WHEREAS, accredited by the Western Association of Schools
2 and Colleges, HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL strives to have its
3 students work, learn, and succeed together; and
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5 WHEREAS, with the mission to educate all students to be
6 effective members of a global society who are competent,
7 confident, and complex thinkers and lifelong learners, HALE KULA
8 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL at Schofield Barracks in Central Oahu educates
9 students, most of whom are dependents of military personnel
10 stationed in Hawaii; and
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12 WHEREAS, Section 8109 of Public Law 112-10, the United
13 States Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing
14 Appropriations Acts, 2011, authorizes the Department of Defense
15 to provide up to \$250 million to make grants, conclude
16 cooperative agreements, or supplement other federal funds to
17 construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary
18 public schools on military installations to address capacity or
19 facility conditions; and
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21 WHEREAS, as part of the Department of Defense Program for
22 Construction, Renovation, Repair, or Expansion of Public Schools
23 Located on Military Installations, HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
24 was awarded \$26.6 million, and the Hawaii State Department of
25 Education will award the school an additional \$6.6 million in
26 matching funds; the money will fund the renovation of existing
27 classroom buildings and the construction of an administrative
28 center, a library and student support center, a two-story
29 classroom building, a covered play court, a covered dining
30 pavilion, a special education/fully self-contained classroom, a
31 custodial service center extending the cafeteria, and a
32 cafeteria parking lot; and
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34 WHEREAS, the grant will help HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, a
35 public school that serves a student population composed of 98
36 percent military dependent children, to make critical facility
37 improvements to address student overcrowding, and the project
38 groundbreaking is expected to begin in the summer of 2013; and



1 WHEREAS, the funds granted to HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 2 will help create the best learning environment possible, as well
 3 as ensure that the children of military families will receive
 4 all the necessary components to achieve academic success while
 5 their parents are making sacrifices for this country; and


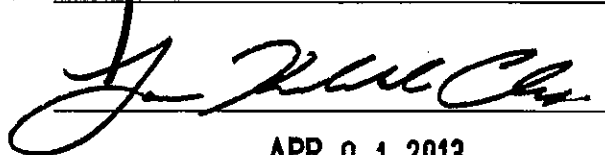
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 7 WHEREAS, HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, under the current
 8 leadership of Principal Jan Iwase and with the outstanding
 9 support of its faculty and staff, provides a safe and nurturing
 10 environment for its students where all students are challenged
 11 to succeed and to become responsible, productive citizens; and

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 13 WHEREAS, the \$250 million appropriation to make grants,
 14 conclude cooperative agreements, or supplement other federal
 15 funds to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and
 16 secondary public schools on military installations as directed
 17 in Section 8109 of Public Law 112-10 would not have been
 18 possible without the hard work and dedication of the late United
 19 States Senator Daniel K. Inouye and of United States Senator
 20 Mazie Hirono, who recognized how crucial it is for military
 21 children to receive a quality education while their service
 22 member parents are serving the nation; 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 commends and
 27 congratulates HALE KULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on being a recipient
 28 of a grant from the Department of Defense Program for
 29 Construction, Renovation, Repair, or Expansion of Public Schools
 30 Located on Military Installations and extends its deepest aloha
 31 and appreciation to the school's students, faculty, and staff on
 32 this momentous occasion.

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