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Aloha Friends,

Since the end of session last month, I have supported the Ways and Means Committee in reviewing Capital Improvement Programs. My travels around Oahu, the Big Island and Kauai allowed me to discuss CIP projects and funding appropriated with the organizations benefiting from this funding.

These visits included many sites on Oahu such as the Waiahole Ditch reservoir which irrigates our Mililani Ag Park as well as farms throughout the island, the University of Hawaii at West Oahu, Leeward and Honolulu Community Colleges as well as various DOE schools.

I visited the UH at Hilo, Hawaii and West Hawaii Community College, Kona Hospital, Kona Judiciary, Kona and Kauai airports, and public and charter schools. We also looked at a few projects proposed for CIP funding within the next year or two.

This being my first experience in handling the CIP for the Senate, these visits have helped me gain a better understanding of facilities, funding issues, including land acquisition.

Be sure to contact me if we can assist you with concerns. Me ke aloha,



President Obama with the Kaleiwahea Ohana

Congratulations to newly commissioned Ensign **Parish Martin Keoni Kaleiwahea** son of our Office Manager **Park Kaleiwahea** and retired Navy Chief petty officer **Parish Kaleiwahea** .

Pictured above, President Barack Obama, joins in a "shaka" with the newly commissioned Ensign (left), and his dad during the 130th Coast Guard Academy graduation in New London, Conn., on May 18, 2011.

Park and husband Parish also celebrated their 25th Silver Wedding Anniversary this month. Congratulations Kaleiwahea Ohana!

Mililani Residents Randy Iwase and Roy Amemiya Appointed to Hawaii Tax Review Commission

Congratulations to former Hawai'i State Senator Randy Iwase and `Olelo President and CEO, Roy Amemiya, recently appointed to the Hawaii Tax Review Commission which convenes every five years to re-evaluate the state's tax structure. The last commission met in 2005. This commission is required by law to produce recommendations to lawmakers 30 days prior to the convening of the second regular session after the members have been appointed, or 2013 session. This group should have been convened in 2010 but were unable to meet as only two of the seven members were named last year.

Congratulations Nicole James



Nicole James with her winning science fair project “Cheaper Local Fish Food.”

Nicole's project took best in category for environmental sciences, and 1st place in junior display, beating out over 160 public and private school projects.

Nicole James is a student at Highlands Intermediate who previously attended Kanoelani Elementary. Her family resides in Waipio Gentry.

She recently submitted a winning science fair project which focused on the environment and the economy. The title: Cheaper Local Fish Food explains about the process of producing tilapia and other fish food locally. She explains how producing the fish food locally will cut down on jet fuel and other transportation costs, therefore cutting costs, and in return helping the local economy.

Lauren Cheape Miss Hawaii 2011

Christie Liu Oclaray Mrs. Hawaii 2011



Congratulations Lauren Cheape, who was crowned our new Miss Hawaii on June 4th. Lauren is a Mililani resident and a 2005 graduate of Mililani High School. Senator Kidani was privileged to coach Lauren through mock interviews to prepare her for the pageant. Good luck Lauren!



Congratulations Christie Liu Oclaray, Mrs. Hawaii 2011. She will represent Hawaii in the upcoming Mrs. America Pageant in Las Vegas in August. Christie is a 1992 Mililani High School graduate who now resides in Makakilo and is currently Vice-President with Aloha United Way! Good Luck



Kanoelani Elementary Awards Assembly



Each year Senator Kidani is honored to present certificates to students who are selected by their teachers for overall outstanding performance throughout the school year. This year, Kanoelani recognized 3 students for their effort and hard work . The students pictured are **Kori Muranaka**, she is involved with the JPO Program, library club, track and Student Council. Kori's kindness and respect for others led her to the selection for this award. **Kerri-Ann Kamei** at right is also in the JPO Program, math club and Student Council. Her teacher selected for her passion and determination in the classroom. **Riley Sodetani** is a member of the Robotics Team and chess club. His driven attitude and his overall excellence in the classroom is why he was selected. Congratulations Kori, Kerri-Ann and Riley for a job well done!





INTERGENERATIONAL HANAFUDA TOURNAMENT



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Congratulations to the graduating class of Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy class #34. The graduation was held at Pearl City High School on June 15, 2011. Twelve of them will attend UH Manoa and various community colleges.

The Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy has a mission to enhance the lives of families and children ages 16-18. Youth challenge is a community based program that leads, mentors and trains at-risk teens. With over 100,000 teens graduated and nearly 50 percent heading into the workforce, the program is a huge success. Youth Challenge has gained national recognition as one of the most effective and cost-effective programs targeted for at-risk teens. The core components to the program are leadership, responsible citizenship, service to the community, life coping skills, physical fitness, job skills and health and hygiene. Mahalo to the Major General Daryll Wong, State Adjutant General, and HYC Director Richard Campbell for a job well done!