
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII
AUTHORITY GATEWAY CENTER BE RENAMED IN HONOR OF GUY HIDEO
TOYAMA.

1 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was a world-renowned leader in the
2 marketing and development of deep seawater technologies and
3 sustainable fuels; and

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5 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama passionately and vigorously advocated
6 for renewable resources, renewable energy, and deep seawater
7 technology, while devoting much of his time to assisting newly
8 created enterprises and securing funds for the purpose of
9 investing in these enterprises; and

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11 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was a partner in the first deep
12 seawater desalination plant in Hawaii and was also involved in a
13 start-up company that produced salt products from seawater; and

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15 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama's company, H2 Technologies, had
16 recently demonstrated the use of compressed hydrogen as a
17 transportation fuel, and as a result, fundamentally changed the
18 pre-existing paradigm on traditional sources of transportation
19 fuel to provide for a more healthier and cleaner environment;
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22 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama's role as the Executive Director of
23 Friends of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority and
24 his ability to speak fluent Japanese placed him in a unique
25 position to advocate for a United States-Japanese partnership to
26 develop the first commercial Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion
27 power plant in the world; and
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1 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was instrumental in developing a Sister
2 City relationship with Kumejima Island in Okinawa, Japan,
3 another leader in deep seawater research and development; and
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5 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was a graduate of Maui High School and
6 the University of Oregon, and was active in the community,
7 serving on the Board of Directors of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of
8 Commerce and Kanu Hawaii, serving as a member of the Hawaii
9 County Mayor's Energy Advisory Commission, and being actively
10 involved with the Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; and
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12 WHEREAS, across the Pacific Ocean, Guy Toyama was respected
13 by his peers as a visionary thinker and an advocate of
14 sustainability, and he was regarded by his friends as a caring
15 and loving individual; and
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17 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was a visionary leader who recognized
18 that the ocean would play a significant role in solving the
19 three greatest needs of mankind: water, food, and energy; and
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21 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama unexpectedly passed away in 2012 at the
22 age of forty-two, leaving behind a legacy of new technology and
23 innovations in the fields of renewable energy and seawater
24 technology in Hawaii; and
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26 WHEREAS, the people of the County of Hawaii share in the
27 loss of Guy Toyama along with his wife, Rika Horikiri, his
28 parents, Douglas and Harriet Toyama, and brother, Wayde; and
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30 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama is remembered and honored through the
31 Guy Toyama Memorial Fund, a fund that promotes many of the
32 values that he held, such as sustainability, entrepreneurship,
33 and volunteerism; and
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35 WHEREAS, Governor Neil Abercrombie and Lieutenant Governor
36 Shan Tsutsui have officially designated December 1, 2013, as
37 "Guy Toyama Day"; and
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39 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama worked tirelessly to transform the
40 Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Gateway Center
41 into a valuable environmental, educational, and commercial



1 resource that will develop new research ideas and future leaders
2 to serve our communities and the State of Hawaii for many years
3 to come; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Executive
8 Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority is
9 requested to rename the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii
10 Authority Gateway Center "The Guy Toyama Gateway Center at the
11 Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority", but should
12 circumstances arise that the Executive Director of the Natural
13 Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority not have the authority to
14 rename the Gateway Center, then the Executive Director or Board
15 of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii is
16 requested to make appropriate efforts to rename the Natural
17 Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Gateway Center "The Guy
18 Toyama Gateway Center"; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
22 of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, the
23 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the
24 Mayor of the County of Hawaii.
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