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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF MAEMAE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL'S ROBOTICS TEAM, THE DOLPHINATORS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's educators are dedicated to exploring and  
2 developing innovative curricula for the benefit of their  
3 students; and  
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5           WHEREAS, one such innovative curriculum, science,  
6 technology, engineering, and math education, collectively known  
7 as STEM, is a key program in the Obama Administration's agenda  
8 to power American students to the top of international science  
9 and math achievement rankings over the next decade; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Scholastic Robotics is credited with building  
12 critical life skills in teamwork, problem solving, time  
13 management, and effective communication as well as generating  
14 interest in STEM; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Hawaii Scholastic Robotics first began in 1999  
17 with McKinley and Waialua High Schools competing together at the  
18 2000 For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology  
19 (FIRST) Regional Robotics Competition in Silicon Valley, where  
20 they advanced to the Regional Finals and finished second in the  
21 forty-three team competition; and  
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23           WHEREAS, Hawaii now has elementary, middle, and high school  
24 level teams competing in six different national and  
25 international Scholastic Robotics programs including the FIRST  
26 Robotics Competition, FIRST LEGO League, VEX Robotics, Botball,  
27 Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles, and Micro Robotics; and  
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29           WHEREAS, Maemae Elementary School's Robotics Team, The  
30 Dolphinators, utilized skills acquired through the STEM  
31 curriculum, such as engineering, critical thinking, and



1 teamwork, to build an autonomous robot made from LEGO elements;  
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4 WHEREAS, the students and teachers of The Dolphintors,  
5 Adriana Maroney, Taylor Fomion, Caleb Kurasaki, Beren Wong,  
6 Vance Tokuda, Kaedin Okimoto, Kolby Yamamoto, Christine  
7 Kotomori, and Suzanne Brauer, have demonstrated the virtues of  
8 hard work and perseverance while participating in the FIRST LEGO  
9 League; and  
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11 WHEREAS, The Dolphintors are commended for winning first  
12 place in the Ninth Annual FIRST LEGO League State Championship  
13 and for earning the opportunity to represent Hawaii in the FIRST  
14 LEGO League World Tournament, where they will be competing  
15 against 85 teams from across the globe in St. Louis, Missouri;  
16 now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2014, that this body hereby recognizes and  
21 congratulates Maemae Elementary School's Robotics Team, The  
22 Dolphintors, for their outstanding achievements and extends to  
23 them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in  
24 the FIRST LEGO League World Tournament.  
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