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SENATE 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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29 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was instrumental in developing a Sister
30 City relationship with Kumejima Island in Okinawa, Japan,
31 another leader in deep seawater research and development; and



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2 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was a graduate of Maui High School and
3 the University of Oregon, and was active in the community,
4 serving on the Board of Directors of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of
5 Commerce and Kanu Hawaii, serving as a member of the Hawaii
6 County Mayor's Energy Advisory Commission, and being actively
7 involved with the Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; and
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9 WHEREAS, across the Pacific Ocean, Guy Toyama was respected
10 by his peers as a visionary thinker and an advocate of
11 sustainability, and he was regarded by his friends as a caring
12 and loving individual; and
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14 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama was a visionary leader who recognized
15 that the ocean would play a significant role in solving the
16 three greatest needs of mankind: water, food, and energy; and
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18 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama unexpectedly passed away in 2012 at the
19 age of forty-two, leaving behind a legacy of new technology and
20 innovations in the fields of renewable energy and seawater
21 technology in Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, the people of the County of Hawaii share in the
24 loss of Guy Toyama along with his wife, Rika Horikiri, his
25 parents, Douglas and Harriet Toyama, and brother, Wayde; and
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27 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama is remembered and honored through the
28 Guy Toyama Memorial Fund, a fund that promotes many of the
29 values that he held, such as sustainability, entrepreneurship,
30 and volunteerism; and
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32 WHEREAS, Governor Neil Abercrombie and Lieutenant Governor
33 Shan Tsutsui have officially designated December 1, 2013, as
34 "Guy Toyama Day"; and
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36 WHEREAS, Guy Toyama worked tirelessly to transform the
37 Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Gateway Center
38 into a valuable environmental, educational, and commercial
39 resource that will develop new research ideas and future leaders
40 to serve our communities and the State of Hawaii for many years
41 to come; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
4 that the Executive Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of
5 Hawaii Authority is requested to rename the Natural Energy
6 Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Gateway Center "The Guy Toyama
7 Gateway Center at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii
8 Authority", but should circumstances arise that the Executive
9 Director of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
10 not have the authority to rename the Gateway Center, then the
11 Executive Director or Board of Directors of the Natural Energy
12 Laboratory of Hawaii is requested to make appropriate efforts to
13 rename the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Gateway
14 Center "The Guy Toyama Gateway Center"; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
18 Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, the Director of
19 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Mayor of
20 the County of Hawaii.
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