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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING STEPHANIE MEW AS THE 2016 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, ALICIA CHANG AS THE 2016 HONOLULU DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, LYNN YOSHIOKA AS THE 2016 CENTRAL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, KATHY LIN AS THE 2016 LEEWARD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DARRYL YAGI AS THE 2016 HAWAII DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, JOY AULANI TAKATSUKA AS THE 2016 MAUI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND DAVID PAUL BRAUN, JR., AS THE 2016 KAUAI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

1           WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii take great pride  
2 in recognizing and honoring the superb achievements and notable  
3 contributions of educators who, through their extraordinary  
4 dedication and personal efforts, significantly improve the  
5 quality of education for the children of Hawaii; and

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7           WHEREAS, STEPHANIE MEW, a teacher at Kapunahala Elementary  
8 School, was selected from more than 11,000 educators within the  
9 State as the 2016 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year; she strives  
10 to be a positive role model for students, in addition to  
11 providing them with an education that produces extraordinary  
12 results; and

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14           WHEREAS, ALICIA CHANG, a teacher at King Liholiho  
15 Elementary School, is the 2016 Honolulu District Teacher of the  
16 Year; she encourages diversity through her support of many  
17 extracurricular programs and inspires students on their path to  
18 knowledge; and

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20           WHEREAS, LYNN YOSHIOKA, a teacher at Mililani Middle  
21 School, is the 2016 Central District Teacher of the Year; she  
22 promotes teamwork and a learning environment that improves  
23 student achievement through the use of STEM programs which focus  
24 on hands-on learning; and



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1           WHEREAS, KATHY LIN, a teacher at Highlands Intermediate  
 2 School, is the 2016 Leeward District Teacher of the Year; she  
 3 has used her background in science and research to encourage  
 4 students to excel at the Hawaii State Science and Engineering  
 5 Fair and expand their knowledge of science; and

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 7           WHEREAS, DARRYL YAGI, a teacher at E. B. de Silva  
 8 Elementary School, is the 2016 Hawaii District Teacher of the  
 9 Year; he aims to make a difference in the lives of his students  
 10 through education, focusing on the basketball and golf teams to  
 11 promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and character-building, and by  
 12 taking a leadership position in the community to assist children  
 13 and future teachers; and

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 15           WHEREAS, JOY AULANI TAKATSUKA, a teacher at King Kamehameha  
 16 III Elementary School, is the 2016 Maui District Teacher of the  
 17 Year; she provides her students with the tools needed to face  
 18 life's challenges and is dedicated to her community and school  
 19 by promoting literacy and childcare programs; and

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 21           WHEREAS, DAVID PAUL BRAUN, JR., a teacher at Waimea Canyon  
 22 Middle School, is the 2016 Kauai District Teacher of the Year;  
 23 he incorporates music into his lessons which allows students to  
 24 use creativity and develop a love for learning; now, therefore,

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 26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 27 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 28 Session of 2016, that this body hereby commends, congratulates,  
 29 and honors STEPHANIE MEW, ALICIA CHANG, LYNN YOSHIOKA, KATHY  
 30 LIN, DARRYL YAGI, JOY AULANI TAKATSUKA, and DAVID PAUL BRAUN,  
 31 JR., for their outstanding accomplishments and much-deserved  
 32 recognition, and extends to them its sincere mahalo and best  
 33 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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