
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. ROGER AMES AND DR. GEOFFREY
BANNISTER FOR THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE STATE OF HAWAII AND ABROAD.

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Ames is an internationally distinguished
2 philosopher, well known both in China and the West for his
3 leadership in research, writing and teaching of Chinese
4 philosophy; and

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6 WHEREAS, in light of Dr. Ames' outstanding scholastic
7 achievements as one of the world's leading scholars in Chinese
8 Thought, he was awarded the prestigious Huilin Culture award,
9 which is awarded by the Chinese government in recognition of
10 Chinese and international scholars for their outstanding and
11 positive effect on Chinese culture within China and abroad; and

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13 WHEREAS, Dr. Ames was also awarded the Regents' Medal for
14 Excellence in Teaching and the Regents' Medal for Excellence in
15 Research, which is rarely given to humanities professors; and

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17 WHEREAS, Ames was the Director of the Center for Chinese
18 Studies at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa for ten years, and
19 has been the Editor of *Philosophy East and West* since 1987; and

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21 WHEREAS, Dr. Ames founded *China Review International*, and
22 has been its editor for over a decade; and

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24 WHEREAS, many of Dr. Ames' published works have already
25 become classics and standards in the study of Chinese philosophy
26 around the world; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ames is considered one of the world's leading
2 scholars in the fields of comparative philosophy and Chinese
3 philosophy, including Daoism and Confucianism; and
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5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ames' prominent international reputation has
6 drawn students from around the world to study philosophy at the
7 University of Hawaii at Mānoa; and
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9 WHEREAS, Dr. Ames has played a vital role in building the
10 UH Philosophy department into the world's best program in
11 comparative east-west philosophy; and
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13 WHEREAS, Dr. Ames has inspired and influenced generations
14 of students and scholars who are now the up and coming leaders
15 in their fields in comparative philosophy here in Hawaii, on the
16 mainland, and internationally; and
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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Geoffrey Bannister has been president of
19 Hawaii Pacific University since 2011; and
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21 WHEREAS, Dr. Bannister previously served as the 17th
22 President of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, and as
23 the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Boston University; and
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25 WHEREAS, under Dr. Bannister's leadership, Hawaii Pacific
26 University expanded graduate research programs and built dozens
27 of partnerships with universities around the world; and
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29 WHEREAS, Dr. Bannister has long been a proponent of
30 advancing international education, serving as the Founding
31 President of the Forum on Education Abroad as well as President
32 of both the Study Abroad Foundation and of Cultural Experiences
33 Abroad, organizations that provide high-quality study abroad
34 opportunities and set the national standards on study abroad
35 programs; and
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37 WHEREAS, The Oceanic Institute, of which Dr. Bannister
38 serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, merged with HPU
39 under his leadership; and
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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bannister has been an active member of the
 2 Hawaii Business Roundtable, where he helped in take the lead in
 3 the Keep Hawaii's Heroes initiative; and

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 5 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Bannister's leadership, HPU invested
 6 over \$40 million in the revitalization of Aloha Tower
 7 Marketplace, creating a mixed use space that increases access to
 8 international education as well as contributes to a lively and
 9 reinvigorated Downtown; now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 12 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 13 Session of 2016, that Dr. Roger Ames and Dr. Geoffrey Bannister
 14 are recognized and commended for their outstanding contributions
 15 to higher education in Hawaii and abroad.

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