
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING WAIPAHU HIGH SCHOOL FOR HAVING THE
FIRST NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MODEL ACADEMIES IN THE STATE OF
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in September, 2015, Dr. Jay Steele, Chief Academic
2 Officer of Metropolitan Nashville Schools, and Connie Majka,
3 Director of Learning and Development of Philadelphia Academies
4 Inc., reviewed Waipahu High School's Academy of Natural
5 Resources and Academy of Health & Sciences and conducted a two-
6 day onsite review for accreditation; and
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Steele and Ms. Majka declared that Waipahu's
9 Academy of Natural Resources and Academy of Health & Sciences
10 were high quality academies that met the National Career Academy
11 Coalition's 10 National Standards of Practice and reflected the
12 development, implementation, and sustainability of high quality
13 college and career-readiness programs; and
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15 WHEREAS, Waipahu High School's Academies met the needs of
16 the community and employer base while supporting local
17 businesses and workforce development; and
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19 WHEREAS, Waipahu High School's Academy of Natural Resources
20 and Academy of Health & Sciences were the first nationally
21 recognized Model Academies in the State of Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, Waipahu High School's Academy of Health &
24 Sciences' mission is to create a nurturing environment that
25 encourages high expectations for success through relevant and
26 rigorous interdisciplinary learning experiences as it prepares
27 all students for college and career success; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Academy of Health & Sciences offers
30 prospective students with two innovative and cutting edge
31 nationally accredited Programs of Study, namely Clinical Health



1 and Medical Biotechnology & Research, to meet the needs and
2 demands of an increasingly and ever-changing health industry
3 through career-shadowing and internships through local
4 partnerships; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Medical Biotechnology & Research Program of
7 Study's unique partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy's
8 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and Rutgers
9 University's Waksman Student Scholars Program allows
10 participating students to conduct authentic real-world cutting
11 edge research in molecular biology and have their analysis
12 published alongside researchers at the National Institutes of
13 Health allowing scientists worldwide to view their results; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Clinical Health Program of Study focuses on
16 developing health care professionals through numerous
17 partnerships with important health care entities including the
18 Queen's Medical Center and the University of Hawaii John A.
19 Burns School of Medicine; through early exposure to industry
20 standards and participation in real world learning experiences,
21 Academy of Health & Sciences students are poised to address the
22 growing needs of an aging society in Hawaii and the nation; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2016, that this body hereby expresses its heartfelt
28 congratulations to Waipahu High School for having the first
29 nationally recognized Model Academies in the State of Hawaii.
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