
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE 2017 STATE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR: SUNG MAN PARK AS THE HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, KAY BEACH AS THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TRACEY IDICA AS THE CENTRAL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, LUANE HIGUCHI AS THE LEEWARD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, KRISTI KUSUNOKI AS THE WINDWARD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, LAURIE ANN O'BRIEN AS THE HAWAII DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, JENNIFER SUZUKI AS THE MAUI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND DAVID MIRELES AS THE KAUAI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, SUNG MAN PARK, the 2017 Hawaii State Teacher of
2 the Year, teaches at Washington Middle School and was selected
3 from more than 11,400 educators within the state; he strives to
4 be a positive role model for students, in addition to providing
5 students with an education that produces extraordinary results;
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8 WHEREAS, KAY BEACH, the 2017 Public Charter School Teacher
9 of the Year, teaches at the School for Examining Essential
10 Questions of Sustainability and emphasizes openness, empathy,
11 and values in her teaching approach while also having her
12 students think critically and use research; and
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14 WHEREAS, TRACEY IDICA, the 2017 Central District Teacher of
15 the Year, teaches at Aiea High School and encourages her
16 students to "dream big and make a difference"; TRACEY IDICA
17 serves her community and colleagues as a teacher lobbyist who
18 communicates with local and congressional representatives about
19 school-level concerns; and
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21 WHEREAS, LUANE HIGUCHI, the 2017 Leeward District Teacher
22 of the Year, teaches at Waianae Intermediate School and has used
23 her digital media techniques to "pay it forward" through



1 extracurricular activities including traveling with students to
2 competitions and award ceremonies; and
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4 WHEREAS, KRISTI KUSUNOKI, the 2017 Windward District
5 Teacher of the Year, teaches at Kailua Intermediate School and
6 organizes musical events to increase music literacy and to
7 highlight the talents of her students; and
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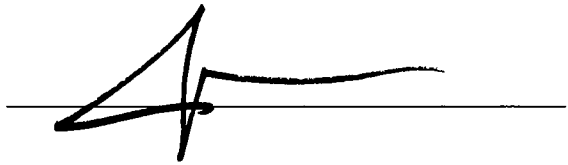
9 WHEREAS, LAURIE ANN O'BRIEN, the 2017 Hawaii District
10 Teacher of the Year, teaches at Keaau High School and believes
11 that good teaching requires adaptation and relevance; LAURIE ANN
12 O'BRIEN is pioneering a new computer science course this year to
13 further her students' understanding and preparation for the real
14 world; and
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16 WHEREAS, JENNIFER SUZUKI, the 2017 Maui District Teacher of
17 the Year, teaches at Maui Waena Intermediate School and
18 emphasizes performance-based, real-work opportunities for her
19 students; JENNIFER SUZUKI produces and invites her community to
20 an annual Technology Bazaar that showcases the talents of her
21 students in video, robotics, and other projects; and
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23 WHEREAS, DAVID MIRELES, the 2017 Kauai District Teacher of
24 the Year, teaches at Kapaa High School and plans development
25 workshops for his peers to improve technology integration,
26 teaching methodology, and pedagogy; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2017, that this body hereby commends, congratulates, and
31 honors SUNG MAN PARK, KAY BEACH, TRACEY IDICA, LUANE HIGUCHI,
32 KRISTI KUSUNOKI, LAURIE ANN O'BRIEN, JENNIFER SUZUKI, and DAVID
33 MIRELES for their outstanding accomplishments and much-deserved
34 recognition, and extends to all of them its sincere mahalo and
35 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.
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