
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KALANI PE'A - GRAMMY® AWARD WINNING SINGER,
SONGWRITER, PRODUCER; AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR; AND EDUCATOR
FOR ALL HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACCOLADES, AND EFFORTS TO
PERPETUATE THE HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, it is vital that the Native Hawaiian culture and
2 arts, involving 'ōlelo, mele, and traditional and cultural
3 practices, be forever perpetuated for future generations of
4 Native Hawaiians; KALANI PE'A is a torch bearer, and we recognize
5 his accolades, accomplishments, and continued work on behalf of
6 the Native Hawaiian culture; and
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8 WHEREAS, KALANI PE'A has pursued his passion for music since
9 the age of four, and has gained statewide and national accolades
10 for his work as a performing artist - winning Brown Bags to
11 Stardom at age 18, and the men's classical and musical divisions
12 in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition,
13 Colorado/Wyoming chapter; and
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15 WHEREAS, KALANI PE'A has perpetuated 'Ōlelo Hawai'i through
16 the illustration and publication of five children's books,
17 contributed to the design of Nā Maka O Kana, the sole Hawaiian
18 language newspaper of Hawaii, and dedicated his time to working
19 in the community through 'Aha Pūnana Leo and Lāhainā Civic Club;
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22 WHEREAS, in 2016, KALANI PE'A's debut album "E Walea"
23 reached No. 1 on the iTunes world music charts and No. 12 on the
24 Billboard world albums charts, exemplifying his passion for and
25 vision of Hawaiian music for future generations; and
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27 WHEREAS, in 2017, KALANI PE'A won the Grammy® Award for Best
28 Regional Roots Music Album for "E Walea" and became the first



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1 Native Hawaiian recording artist in history to win a Grammy® in
2 this award category; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
6 of 2017, that this body hereby honors KALANI PE'A for his
7 outstanding achievements, applauds his dedication and passion in
8 sharing and perpetuating Hawaiian culture throughout our state,
9 country, and throughout the world, and extends its warmest aloha
10 and sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
11 endeavors.
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