
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION 2017 STATE OF HAWAII HONOREES.

1 WHEREAS, while the natural beauty of Hawaii is recognized
2 throughout the world, the real beauty of our island state lies
3 in its people, who through their personal and professional
4 relationships have dedicated their efforts to serve the needs of
5 the people of Hawaii and create the prosperity and high
6 standards of living which we all enjoy; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's small business owners represent an
9 essential component of our economy, providing critical jobs,
10 products, and services while generating much-needed revenue and
11 business activity for our State; and
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13 WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration is a
14 federal agency dedicated to aiding, counseling, assisting, and
15 protecting small business concerns; preserving free competitive
16 enterprise; and maintaining and strengthening the overall
17 economy of our nation and state; and
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19 WHEREAS, each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration
20 recognizes the accomplishments of those outstanding small
21 business owners and leaders who display the highest levels of
22 entrepreneurial spirit by selecting recipients for its Small
23 Business Awards; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Small Business Awards encompass a wide variety
26 of categories relating to small business, including export
27 businesses, home-based businesses, media and journalism
28 companies, and financial service companies, among others; and
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30 WHEREAS, GARRETT W. MARRERO and MELANIE M. OXLEY of Maui
31 Brewing Company were awarded the 2017 SBA Small Business Persons
32 of the Year Award for their dedication to creating 100 percent



1 Hawaii produced and manufactured craft beer that uses local
2 ingredients; and

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4 WHEREAS, LAURA CRISTOBAL ANDERSLAND of Salty Wahine Gourmet
5 Hawaiian Sea Salts was recognized as the 2017 SBA Small Business
6 Exporter of the Year for branding her homemade Kauai salts and
7 food rubs as a versatile seasoning product worldwide; and

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9 WHEREAS, PATRICK GESIK received the 2017 SBA Young
10 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for his work with Gesik Physical
11 Therapy LLC, an independently owned orthopedic practice that
12 focuses on providing its patients quality hands-on physical
13 therapy services to restore function and relieve pain for
14 optimal movement; and

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16 WHEREAS, J. TERRY MULLEN was awarded the 2017 SBA Family
17 Owned Small Business of the Year Award for his work on behalf of
18 John Mullen and Co., Inc., a third generation local insurance
19 company committed to providing quality insurance services to its
20 customers; and

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22 WHEREAS, MARIA A.F. ETRATA was recognized as the 2017 SBA
23 Small Business Advocate for Minorities for her work with
24 Preferred Home and Community Based Services Inc., which provides
25 accessible healthcare services to disabled and elderly
26 populations in Hawaii; and

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28 WHEREAS, REGINALD E. BAKER was awarded the 2017 SBA Small
29 Business Advocate for Financial Services Award for his work with
30 the small business community, for which he supports and proposes
31 policies that help entrepreneurs obtain funding and gain
32 networking opportunities; and

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34 WHEREAS, SHERRY BRACKEN, a news correspondent for Mahalo
35 Broadcasting and the Hawaii Public Radio, is the recipient of
36 the 2017 SBA Small Business Advocate for Journalism and Media
37 Award for her unique storytelling ability to educate and inform
38 the public of Hawaii's key issues; and

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40 WHEREAS, CHRISTINE CAMP of Avalon Development Company, LLC
41 was awarded the 2017 SBA Small Business Advocate for Business



1 and Industry Award for her significant contributions to the
2 commercial and economic development of the State; and
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4 WHEREAS, EDMUND OLSON is the recipient of the 2017 Makana
5 Ho'okō no Ke Ola SBA Special Award for Lifetime Legacy on behalf
6 of his work with the Edmund C. Olson Trust II, where he applies
7 strategic models designed to preserve the culture of the agri-
8 business and tourism industry with local businesses; now,
9 therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2017, that this body hereby recognizes and congratulates the
14 following winners of the U.S. Small Business Administration's
15 2017 State of Hawaii Awards: GARRETT W. MARRERO and MELANIE M.
16 OXLEY of Maui Brewing Company for winning the 2017 SBA Small
17 Business Persons of the Year Award, LAURA CRISTOBAL ANDERSLAND
18 of Salty Wahine Gourmet Hawaiian Sea Salts for being awarded the
19 2017 SBA Small Business Exporter of the Year Award, PATRICK
20 GESIK of Gesik Physical Therapy LLC for winning the 2017 SBA
21 Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, J. TERRY MULLEN of John
22 Mullen & Co., Inc. for being awarded the 2017 SBA Family-Owned
23 Business of the Year Award, MARIA A.F. ETRATA of Preferred Home
24 and Community Based Services, Inc. for winning the 2017 SBA
25 Small Business Advocate for Minorities Award, REGINALD E. BAKER
26 of Reg Baker, CPA LLC for being recognized as the 2017 SBA Small
27 Business Advocate for Financial Services, SHERRY BRACKEN of
28 Mahalo Broadcasting and Hawaii Public Radio for being the
29 recipient of the 2017 SBA Small Business Advocate for Media and
30 Journalism Award, CHRISTINE CAMP of Avalon Development Company,
31 LLC for being awarded the 2017 SBA Small Business Advocate for
32 Business and Industry Award, and EDMUND OLSON of the Edmund C.
33 Olson Trust II for being the recipient of the 2017 Makana Ho'okō
34 no Ke Ola SBA Special Award for Lifetime Legacy; and extends its
35 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all
36 future endeavors.
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