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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THREE HAWAIIAN CULTURE PRACTITIONERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE STATE OF HAWAII BY PERPETUATING AND PRACTICING IDEOLOGIES INSPIRED BY THE LAND, THE SEA, AND BY THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS UPON WHICH THE STATE WAS BUILT.

1 WHEREAS, it is important to honor those who have made  
2 cultural contributions to the State of Hawai'i, and to remember  
3 the tireless efforts of those advocates who have also dedicated  
4 their lives to perpetuating the richness of Hawai'i's tradition,  
5 history, and identity; and  
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7 WHEREAS, three cultural practitioners deserve recognition  
8 for truly exemplifying the "practice what you preach" lifestyle,  
9 living and working by the traditions of their bloodline in a  
10 modern-day Hawai'i; and  
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12 WHEREAS, TWINKLE BORGE, celebrated both nationally and  
13 internationally, is a 10-year resident and leader of Pu'uho'oua O  
14 Wai'anae Village who governs a "houseless", safe-zoned community  
15 of nearly 260 people with strength and compassion, leading a  
16 self-sustaining, successful livelihood on the land of her  
17 ancestors while practicing pu'uho'oua, one of Hawai'i's most  
18 valued ideologies; and  
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20 WHEREAS, SAM K. KAPOI, a crewmember of the beloved Hawaiian  
21 voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a, travels with his colleagues upon the  
22 sea, navigating the world's oceans, visiting every port of  
23 cultural significance, spreading a message of goodwill, and  
24 reminding all that although the skies are as old as time, they  
25 still have much to teach for those who would listen; and  
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27 WHEREAS, GLEN KILA founded the Koa Ike Foundation to  
28 preserve a cultural lifestyle while teaching modern-day life



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1 skills and converted Kamaile Academy into a public charter  
 2 school in 2007, and still today, he continues to embody the  
 3 foundation's core values; and  
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5 WHEREAS, these three Hawaiian culture preservationists will  
 6 continue their work to carry on the ways of their forefathers,  
 7 teaching cultural sensitivity and the stories told by the land,  
 8 the sea, and the teachers of long ago; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 12 of 2017, that this body hereby honors TWINKLE BORGE, SAM K.  
 13 KAPOI, and GLEN KILA for giving an identity to those in the  
 14 State who would not have otherwise known about the treasures of  
 15 their heritage.  
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