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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE HAWAII VENTURE CAPITAL  
ASSOCIATION'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS.

1           WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of our communities  
2 depend on the vision and entrepreneurial spirit of individuals  
3 working to benefit the greater good and promote a robust economy  
4 for our island state; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the goal of the Hawaii Venture Capital Association  
7 (HVCA) is to foster entrepreneurial development through  
8 education, exposure to excellent speakers, and networking with  
9 key members of Hawaii's business community; and  
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11           WHEREAS, each year at its Awards Gala, HVCA recognizes  
12 outstanding entrepreneurship in Hawaii to bring to light and  
13 celebrate with pride the many noteworthy achievements that our  
14 local businesses and driven entrepreneurs have attained over the  
15 past year; and  
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17           WHEREAS, TINA FITCH of Hobnob was awarded the 2016 HVCA  
18 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for developing a user-friendly  
19 mobile platform for users to create, design, and manage event  
20 invitations for free; and  
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22           WHEREAS, ALEX CABELLO of AlgorithmHub, Inc. was awarded the  
23 2016 HVCA Tech Entrepreneur of the Year Award for creating a  
24 data science platform that allows companies to commercialize  
25 machine learning algorithms without information technology or  
26 developmental operations; and  
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28           WHEREAS, JACK BEUTTELL and BOBBY FARIAS, JR. of Kunoa  
29 Cattle Company were awarded the 2016 HVCA Clean Tech/Ag  
30 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for developing best practices in  
31 ranching, meat processing, and butchery that preserves the



1 Hawaii paniolo tradition and promoting 100% locally raised  
2 Hawaii grown beef; and  
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4 WHEREAS, KYLE N. CHANG of HealthTechApps, Inc. was awarded  
5 the 2016 HVCA Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award for  
6 developing a technology that helps users connect with medical  
7 experts after a potential concussion; and  
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9 WHEREAS, KAINOA MCGEE of KMBCo was awarded the 2016 HVCA  
10 People's Choice Startup of the Year Award for creating a  
11 paddleboard that can secure to wheelchairs and assist those who  
12 lack balance or lower body mobility or strength; and  
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14 WHEREAS, DAWN LIPPERT and JILL SIMS of Energy Excelerator  
15 were awarded the 2016 HVCA Investor of the Year Award for  
16 investing in local entrepreneurial talent; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2017, that this body hereby congratulates TINA FITCH for  
21 being named the 2016 HVCA Entrepreneur of the Year; ALEX CABELLO  
22 for being named the 2016 HVCA Tech Entrepreneur of the Year;  
23 JACK BEUTTELL and BOBBY FARIAS, JR. for being awarded the 2016  
24 HVCA Clean Tech/Ag Entrepreneur of the Year Award; KYLE N. CHANG  
25 for being named the 2016 HVCA Student Entrepreneur of the Year;  
26 KAINOA MCGEE for being awarded the 2016 HVCA People's Choice  
27 Startup of the Year Award; and DAWN LIPPERT and JILL SIMS for  
28 being awarded the 2016 HVCA Investor of the Year Award, and  
29 expresses to them its appreciation for their devotion and  
30 commitment to improving the future of Hawaii and the Pacific  
31 through successful entrepreneurship.  
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