
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING FAITH TUIPULOTU FOR HER DEDICATION TO AGRICULTURE AND
HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FARMING IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, FAITH TUIPULOTU has dedicated herself to the
2 betterment of agriculture in Hawaii; through her many
3 accomplishments and contributions to farming, both conventional
4 and organic, on Molokai and across the entire State of Hawaii,
5 she is a shining example of how one can help and support all
6 agriculture; and

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8 WHEREAS, FAITH TUIPULOTU was born in Hoolehua, Molokai in
9 1961; as a third-generation farmer, the second-born of five
10 siblings, she learned at a young age what hard work was, to not
11 give up, and most of all, no matter how long that row of weeds
12 was in front of her, "don't look up!"; and

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14 WHEREAS, FAITH TUIPULOTU graduated from Kamehameha Schools-
15 Kapalama in 1979, and then went on to receive an Associate of
16 Science degree in Farm Management, an Associate of Science
17 degree in Greenhouse Management, and an Associate of Science
18 degree in Turf Management from University of Hawaii Maui College
19 in 1988; and

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21 WHEREAS, FAITH TUIPULOTU utilized her skills as a
22 landscaper for Outrigger Hotels and Resorts in Waikiki from 1990
23 to 1998; when she moved back to her home island of Molokai, she
24 contributed to the reforestation of Kahoolawe from 1999 to 2000
25 as an agricultural technician for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
26 Hoolehua Office, and in March of 2001, she began her current job
27 with the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture
28 and Human Resources (CTAHR) Cooperative Extension Service on
29 Molokai, helping farmers with land preparation and crop
30 production; and

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1 WHEREAS, along with her husband, Tio, and three sons, FAITH
2 TUIPULOTU formed Tuipulotu Farm on Molokai, where they started
3 growing green beans for the local market and eventually found
4 their niche market growing Tongan yams; and
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6 WHEREAS, FAITH TUIPULOTU decided to expand her farming
7 education, and in 2009, she became an Organic Inspector for the
8 Hawaii Organic Farming Association and eventually for
9 International Certification Services (ICS); with these
10 credentials, she is able to offer "Organic" certification
11 services to farmers throughout the State; in 2012, Tuipulotu
12 Farm transitioned into an organic farm known as Tuipulotu
13 Organics LLC, with the main crop being organic papayas delivered
14 to Kumu Farms and shipped to the mainland market and with
15 further diversification into organic butternut squash and
16 organic bun long taro; in 2014, FAITH TUIPULOTU was introduced
17 to Korean natural farming methods by her brother, who also
18 operates an organic farm, and between them, working with ICS,
19 they were able to get certain Korean natural farming practices
20 approved as "Certified Organic"; and
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22 WHEREAS, while FAITH TUIPULOTU continues to oversee her
23 family farm and work for CTAHR, she also takes the time to help
24 other farmers succeed, serving as the President of the Molokai
25 Homestead Farmers Alliance and as the Chairman for the Molokai-
26 Lanai Soil and Water Conservation District Board; and
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28 WHEREAS, FAITH TUIPULOTU also sees it as her duty to
29 encourage future generations to learn about farming by sharing
30 her knowledge and helping all farmers, conventional and organic,
31 learn and grow; she refers to this as "growing more farmers"; in
32 a time when the State is looking to double local food
33 production, she is doing her part to work collaboratively with
34 various entities in the agriculture industry to ensure that all
35 succeed and that fresh local food is available for everyone;
36 now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
40 2019, that this body hereby recognizes, commends, and expresses
41 its appreciation to FAITH TUIPULOTU for her dedication and many



1 contributions to local farming, both conventional and organic,
2 and her commitment to helping others farm on Molokai and across
3 the State, and extends to her its warmest aloha and best wishes
4 for continued success in all future endeavors.
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