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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DESIRÉ DESOTO AS THE 2018 HAWAII SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
OF THE YEAR AND THE 2019 NATIONAL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR  
FINALIST.

1           WHEREAS, the American School Counselor Association supports  
2 school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic,  
3 career, social, and emotional development so that they may  
4 achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling  
5 lives as responsible members of society; and  
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7           WHEREAS, DESIRÉ DESOTO, a graduate from Whitworth  
8 University, Chaminade University, and Walden University, has  
9 embarked on her twelfth year at Wai'anae High School; and  
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11           WHEREAS, DESIRÉ DESOTO serves as the school's counselor and  
12 has been named as a 2019 School Counselor of the Year finalist  
13 by the American School Counselor Association; and  
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15           WHEREAS, DESIRÉ DESOTO is dedicated to fighting for  
16 educational equity and opportunities for those in special  
17 education, the economically disadvantaged, minorities, first  
18 generation students, and Native Hawaiian students; and  
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20           WHEREAS, DESIRÉ DESOTO has had a critical role in  
21 implementing the Wai'anae to Whitworth 'Auwai, which is a  
22 collaborative school counselor-initiated leadership program  
23 which covers room and board, tuition, and books for a cohort of  
24 graduating seniors from public schools on the Wai'anae Coast to  
25 attend Whitworth University; and  
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27           WHEREAS, DESIRÉ DESOTO "has helped to advance school  
28 counseling and maximize the educational, academic, career, and  
29 social development of her students," according to Superintendent  
30 Christina Kishimoto; and



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1           WHEREAS, DESIRÉ DESOTO, in her free time, also volunteers  
2 with local organizations that offer instruction in ocean  
3 activities and teach the importance of taking care of the ocean  
4 waters and natural resources to children; now, therefore,  
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6           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
8 2019, that this body hereby commends, congratulates, and honors  
9 DESIRÉ DESOTO for her outstanding accomplishments and much-  
10 deserved recognition, and extends to her its sincerest mahalo  
11 and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.  
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