
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE HAWAII VENTURE CAPITAL
ASSOCIATION'S 19TH 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 accomplished speakers and other business
9 professionals, and networking with key members of Hawaii's
10 business community; and
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12 WHEREAS, each year at its Awards Gala, HVCA recognizes
13 outstanding entrepreneurship in Hawaii to bring to light and
14 celebrate with pride the many noteworthy achievements that our
15 local businesses and driven entrepreneurs have attained over the
16 past year; and
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18 WHEREAS, LOUIS CONCATO of Carbon Lighthouse was awarded the
19 2019 HVCA Agriculture/Clean Tech Entrepreneur of the Year Award
20 for developing clean technology for a greener future and
21 improving current agricultural practices to better assist local
22 farmers; and
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24 WHEREAS, DYLAN BUTTERBAUGH, founder and owner of Manoa
25 Chocolate of Hawaii, whose company has consistently seen monthly
26 growth in revenue and customers, was awarded the 2019 HVCA
27 Consumer Packaged Goods Entrepreneur of the Year Award; and
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29 WHEREAS, PETER FUKUNAGA, Director of Hui Car Share, was
30 awarded the 2019 Corporate Intrapreneur of the Year Award; the
31 Corporate Intrapreneur creatively challenges traditions and
32 assertively makes changes in their company culture to ensure



1 fellow employees in their environment and their field are
2 engaged and provides the platform to be intrapreneurial; and
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4 WHEREAS, KEOKI TAVARES, intuitive consultant, healer, and
5 creator of Aloha Elixir, was awarded the 2019 HVCA People's
6 Choice Startup of the Year Award presented to a company that
7 serves as an example for others to follow based on their
8 success, popularity, and the unwavering support of their fellow
9 community members; and
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11 WHEREAS, CHENOA FARNSWORTH, Managing Partner, HENK ROGERS,
12 Co-Founder, and MAYA ROGERS, Co-Founder, of Blue Startups were
13 awarded the 2019 HVCA Investor of the Year Award, an honor that
14 recognizes the most outstanding individual or entity that has
15 contributed significantly to investing in the Hawaii startup
16 ecosystem, not only in the literal capital definition, but also
17 in terms of their investment in the community; and
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19 WHEREAS, ZACHARY HESTER and LAWRENCE HESTER, Co-Founders of
20 FareHarbor, were awarded the 2019 HVCA Special Recognition Award
21 for their outstanding success as Hawaii-based founders of a
22 business experiencing significant growth; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
26 2019, that this body hereby congratulates LOUIS CONCATO for
27 being named the 2019 HVCA Agriculture/Clean Tech Entrepreneur of
28 the Year; DYLAN BUTTERBAUGH for being named the 2019 HVCA
29 Consumer Packaged Goods Entrepreneur of the Year; PETER FUKUNAGA
30 for being named the 2019 Corporate Intrapreneur of the Year;
31 KEOKI TAVARES for being named the 2019 HVCA People's Choice
32 Startup of the Year; CHENOA FARNSWORTH, HENK ROGERS, and MAYA
33 ROGERS for being named the 2019 HVCA Investor of the Year; and
34 ZACHERY HESTER and LAWRENCE HESTER for being awarded the 2019
35 HVCA Special Recognition Award, and expresses to them its



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1 appreciation for their devotion and commitment to improving the
2 quality of life for the people in our communities through their
3 exemplary entrepreneurship.

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