
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KAPENA FOR THEIR LIFELONG ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROFOUND
IMPACT ON ISLAND MUSIC.

1 WHEREAS, music has always played a central role in Hawaiian
2 culture and has been one of the most dynamic forces in
3 maintaining and revitalizing the culture; and
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5 WHEREAS, for over three decades, KAPENA has been widely
6 regarded as one of Hawaii's most popular bands, and their music
7 has greatly influenced the Hawaiian music scene by topping all
8 local record charts; and
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10 WHEREAS, the founding members, Kelly Boy De Lima, Timo
11 Tatofi, and Tiva Tatofi, formed KAPENA in 1985 to enter the
12 Brown Bags to Stardom contest representing Kaimuki High School;
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15 WHEREAS, the original KAPENA started a resurgence of
16 contemporary Hawaiian music that expanded beyond the traditional
17 Hawaiian genre, mixing Polynesian songs with pop music and
18 danceable, reggae-infused rhythms; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 1988, with the release of their album "Kapena
21 and More," KAPENA claimed two Na Hoku Hanohano awards,
22 Contemporary Hawaiian Album of the Year and Group of the Year;
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25 WHEREAS, beginning in the early 2000s, KAPENA changed
26 direction by returning to their hapa haole musical roots, with
27 Hawaiian-style songs and English lyrics; and
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29 WHEREAS, the band's new sound, style, and vision can be
30 heard on KAPENA's latest album, "Palena Ole," which claimed
31 three 2018 Na Hoku Hanohano awards, Album of the Year, Group of
32 the Year, and Music Video of the Year; and



1 WHEREAS, their legacy continues to live on through their
 2 expanded lineup of talented artists featuring Kelly Boy and
 3 Leolani's keiki, Kapena De Lima, Kalena De Lima, and Lilo De
 4 Lima; and

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 6 WHEREAS, even as KAPENA has evolved and changed throughout
 7 the years, they continue to be a source of inspiration for
 8 contemporary Hawaiian musicians today; now, therefore,

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 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 12 2020, that this body hereby recognizes KAPENA for their lifelong
 13 achievements and profound impact on island music, and extends
 14 its heartfelt aloha and best wishes for continued success in
 15 their career.

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