
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE KALIHI PALAMA CULTURE AND ARTS SOCIETY FOR THEIR
SERVICE TO OUR KEIKI AND THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the KALIHI PALAMA CULTURE AND ARTS SOCIETY (KPC&A)
2 was first organized under the Model Cities Program and
3 incorporated in 1972 for the purpose of providing education,
4 training and services in the area of culture and the arts; and
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6 WHEREAS, KPC&A sponsors two annual cultural events: The
7 Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition and the Malia Craver
8 Hula Kahiko Competition which recognizes and highlights our
9 keiki in the cultural art of hula; and
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11 WHEREAS, on September 11, 1976, the KPC&A organized a
12 festival to honor Hawai'i's last reigning monarch, Queen
13 Lili'uokalani which was held at A'ala Park and featured multi-
14 ethnic dance performances, Hawaiian crafts, demonstrations, a
15 pageant of Hawai'i's mō'i wāhine and the first keiki hula
16 competition; and
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi-Pālama's program coordinator, Kahu Wendell
19 Silva, along with committee chairman and Kumu Hula legend, Uncle
20 George Na'ope, envisioned a competition where children could
21 share their achievements in hula while learning about Queen
22 Lili'uokalani, her 'ohana and Hawai'i's historical past; and
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24 WHEREAS, their mission was to create an organization to
25 perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through dance and by doing so
26 teach a new generation to carry on the traditions of hula into
27 the future; and
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29 WHEREAS, now entering its 45th year, the Queen
30 Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition has estimated that over the
31 course of its illustrious history, over 20,000 keiki have



1 participated in and benefited from the organization's cultural
2 events and programs; and
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4 WHEREAS, in 1986, the KPC&A took over sponsorship and with
5 Malia Craver and Earl Kawai, the Hawai'i Secondary Schools Hula
6 Kahiko Competition was introduced; and
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8 WHEREAS, the purpose of the competition is to provide a
9 venue for middle and high school students to learn about the
10 Hawaiian Culture, receive hula training, share their skill and
11 knowledge in ancient Hawaiian hula and compete among their
12 peers; and
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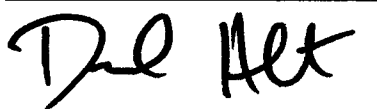
14 WHEREAS, following Malia Craver's retirement, the Hawai'i
15 Secondary Schools Hula Kahiko Competition was renamed the Malia
16 Craver Hula Kahiko Competition; and
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18 WHEREAS, the KPC&A's support for our keiki and dedication
19 to perpetuate the Hawaiian art of hula is still eminent as these
20 two competitions still continue today; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
24 2020, that this body hereby honor and congratulates KALIHI
25 PALAMA CULTURE AND ARTS SOCIETY and offers the warmest aloha and
26 best wishes from the Hawai'i State Legislature Native Hawaiian
27 Caucus.

OFFERED BY:





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