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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING DUANE DESOTO AND MALIA KA'AIHUE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT  
AND OUTSTANDING INVOLVEMENT IN THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN  
COMMUNITY.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i takes great pride in  
2 recognizing outstanding individuals who have demonstrated a  
3 strong commitment to the betterment of our society, and who help  
4 to shape the lives of others through their ability to excel in  
5 their respective fields; and

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7           WHEREAS, DUANE DESOTO and MALIA KA'AIHUE epitomizes  
8 stewards to the Native Hawaiian community at the same time as  
9 raised a family rooted in Hawaiian values; and

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11           WHEREAS, DUANE DESOTO was born in Makaha, Oahu, loving the  
12 ocean and at 4 years old he surfed in the Haleiwa Menehune  
13 Championships and the Rell Sunn Menehune Championships at Makaha  
14 Beach, which set the stage for his professional surfing career  
15 that took off when he was 16 and led to winning the Oxbow ASP  
16 World Longboard Championship; and

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18           WHEREAS, DUANE DESOTO sailed aboard the Polynesian  
19 Voyaging Society's Hokule'a from Aotearoa to Australia across  
20 the Tasman Sea in 2012 and continues sailing and engaging with  
21 maritime communities across the continents today ; and

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23           WHEREAS, hailing from Waiōhinu, Ka'ū and Ka'imukī, O'ahu,  
24 MALIA KA'AIHUE attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa,  
25 where she received a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian studies and  
26 language, as well as a master's and doctorate degree in  
27 political science; and

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29           WHEREAS, MALIA KA'AIHUE is the president of DTL, a Native  
30 Hawaiian strategy studio she founded in 2014. Using her  
31 expertise in Hawaiian history, politics and language, Mālia




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1 develops and executes strategies that are culturally  
2 appropriate, community minded, and relevant to her clients; and  
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4 WHEREAS, together DUANE and MALIA's passion for education  
5 and giving back, they created Na Kama Kai (Children of the Sea)  
6 a non-profit organization that brings ocean-based safety and  
7 conservation programs directly to Hawaii's youth; and  
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9 WHEREAS, although DUANE and MALIA's days are filled with  
10 their various organizations and commitments, they still  
11 prioritize their lives around their seven children: Laura,  
12 Micah, Keanuenue, Puamakamae, Kala, Hokuwelo and Honua; now  
13 therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
17 2020, that this body hereby honor and commends DUANE DESOTO and  
18 MALIA KA'AIHUE and offers the warmest aloha and best wishes from  
19 the Hawai'i State Legislature Native Hawaiian Caucus.  
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