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**Mark  
Your  
Calendar**

### **Kapolei Keiki Wellness Day**

Saturday, April 15, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Kapolei High School Gymnasium  
*Free, fun, family event featuring keiki IDs,  
helmet fitting, & more.*

### **Kapolei Clean & Green Day**

Saturday, April 21, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kapolei High School Parking Lot  
*Reduce post-tax day stress and clutter!  
Take advantage of free, bulk document  
shredding.*

### **End of Session Talk Story with Rep. Har**

Saturday, May 13, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge  
*Re-cap highlights of the 2017 legislative  
session.*

Aloha Friends,

As we near the second half of the 2017 legislative session, I want to provide you with an update of what is going on at the Capitol. The House is finalizing bills which have passed their first and second committees and are now being reviewed in their final committee. We are also preparing for the 'First Crossover' on March 9th and have a number of important bills which we will be sending to the Senate at that time. As the legislative session continues, I encourage you to access the latest information by visiting the Legislature's website at: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>.

Although this has been a productive session, my colleagues and I still have much to do before the session adjourns on May 4th, 2017. In the meantime, I hope you will join me at my upcoming district events.

On **April 15, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**, we will hold our **5th Annual Kapolei Keiki Wellness Day** in the Kapolei High School gymnasium. This **FREE**, children's-oriented resource fair which is designed to be a "one-stop" shop with over 35 participating vendors to provide parents and families with information and resources to help keep our keiki healthy, well and safe.

On **April 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, for our annual **Kapolei Clean & Green Day**. Doing spring cleaning? Drop off recyclable items and used clothing at Kapolei Clean and Green Day. We will also be providing free document shredding so please bring any personal and confidential documentation, and we will safely shred this information for you (two boxes per person). We will also accept donations of canned goods for the Hawaii Food Bank.

If you haven't already signed up for my e-newsletter, please do so at <http://eepurl.com/N1vcf>, and fill out the form. We send weekly up-to-date information about events occurring in our community (i.e. road openings/closings, free classes, grand openings of new stores, community and island-wide events).

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice in the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500, or via email at [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Mahalo,  
Sharon

## **BEGINNING OF SESSION TALK STORY**

On January 28, 2017, I held my Beginning of Session Talk Story with Senator Gabbard. We spoke with constituents regarding the legislative process and the state budget. I was also able to address constituent concerns relating to our district. Thank you for those of you who were able to attend and I hope to see you all at my End of Session Talk Story on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Above: Representative Har speaks with constituents at her Beginning of Session Talk Story.

**KROC CENTER CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS IN KAPOLEI**

On February 4, I was honored to participate in the five-year anniversary of the Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center in Kapolei. Having helped secured \$1.5 million in funding, to begin construction back in 2010, I am elated to see that we have gained a distinguished community partner for years to come. Since its grand opening in February 2012, the Kroc Community Center has served over 1,888,806 members and guests. Over the course of its five years, the community center has helped over 3,558 children to learn a sport, taught over 754 members a new instrument and held over 13,383 fitness classes. Congratulations to the Kroc Community Center on their five-year anniversary and thank you for being an integral community partner in ensuring the continued healthy nature of our Second City.



Above: Representative Har joins Representative Cullen in presenting a congratulatory certificate to the Kroc Center on the occasion of their fifth anniversary.

**HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HONORS KUANA TORRES KAHELE**



On February 15<sup>th</sup> Kuana Torres Kahele was honored by the State House of Representatives for his outstanding contribution in perpetuating the Hawaiian language, music and hula, as well as the international exposure he brought to Native Hawaiian culture and arts. At the age of seventeen, Kuana Torres Kahele joined music group, Na Palapalai, and released one of the most popular hula songs, "Ke Anu O Waimea". Mr. Kahele made his solo debut with the release of "Kaunaloa" in 2011. This album reached number two on the Top of the World Chart. Mr. Kahele runs his own halau in both Japan and Hawaii, which offer courses in the Hawaiian arts. Through his music, Kuana Torres Kahele has served as an international ambassador for Hawaiian culture and arts.

Left: Rep. Har congratulates Kuana Torres Kahele upon his recognition in the House of Representatives.

**REP. HAR SPEAKS AT LEEWARD S.T.E.P.S. RESOURCE FAIR**

Many parents spend countless hours looking for a variety of resources for their children, especially when their child enters pre-school and kindergarten. The annual Leeward S.T.E.P.S. Parent Resource Fair provides families with the information needed to navigate the transition from home to school. Held on February 3, at Ka Makana Ali'i, this year's fair included activities for children and door prizes for the entire family. I had the privilege of attending and speaking at this important event.



Above: Attendees of the Leeward S.T.E.P.S. Resource Fair  
Right: Rep. Har speaks about the importance of offering families the resources to assist with the transition from home to entering school.

