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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE 2022 NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL, 2022 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, 2022 GOLDEN KEY AWARDEE, 2022 OUTSTANDING LIBRARY SERVICE AWARDEE, AND 2023 HAWAI'I SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR.

1           WHEREAS, AARON TOMINAGA was recently named the National  
2 Association of Elementary School Principals' 2022 National  
3 Distinguished Principal; and  
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5           WHEREAS, AARON TOMINAGA's dedication as an educator spans  
6 25 years; he started as a teacher at Waipahu High School and  
7 later worked as a teacher at Pearl City High School and served  
8 as the Principals at both Pearl City High School and Lehua  
9 Elementary School; and  
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11           WHEREAS, AARON TOMINAGA has served as Principal of Waipahu  
12 Elementary School since 2018, where he passionately leads over  
13 950 students, of which nearly 50 percent are English Language  
14 Learners; and  
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16           WHEREAS, AARON TOMINAGA embraces an effective hands-on  
17 approach through regular meetings between teachers and  
18 curriculum coaches, differentiated professional development for  
19 teachers, and classroom data sharing to track students' academic  
20 progress, resulting in a notable decline in at-risk students in  
21 both English language arts and math for the past two years; and  
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23           WHEREAS, as a passionate leader, AARON TOMINAGA has worked  
24 tirelessly to engage and nurture the school community,  
25 consistently meets with staff and teachers, encourages open  
26 communication with families through accessible monthly coffee  
27 hours and newsletters, and strives for success in all aspects of  
28 his students' educational journey; and



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2 WHEREAS, STACY KAWAMURA was recently named the National  
3 Association of Elementary School Principals' 2022 National  
4 Outstanding Assistant Principal; and  
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6 WHEREAS, as Vice Principal of Waikele Elementary School for  
7 seven years, STACY KAWAMURA has been instrumental in developing  
8 the school's nationally distinguished Academy Pathway Program,  
9 which began as an arts academy program, then expanded to include  
10 age-appropriate Career and Technical Education courses that  
11 align with the Waipahu Complex's commitment to career readiness  
12 and mission to establish pathways to college; and  
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14 WHEREAS, STACY KAWAMURA supports Waikele Elementary School  
15 teachers by fostering connections with other school academies;  
16 these connections resulted in the establishment of the nation's  
17 first Elementary Academy Pathway Program, which exposes students  
18 to a variety of career opportunities throughout their primary  
19 school education and eases their transition to complex area  
20 secondary schools; and  
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22 WHEREAS, STACY KAWAMURA works tirelessly to engage the  
23 local community and provide rich educational opportunities for  
24 Waikele students, and she is credited with building an effective  
25 educational framework, based on real-world experiences, to  
26 nurture professional growth and help instill a collaborative  
27 school culture that is deeply connected to family and community;  
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30 WHEREAS, SHELLEY LAU recently received the Hawai'i  
31 Association of School Librarians' 2022 Golden Key Award; and  
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33 WHEREAS, prior to being a dedicated librarian at Aina Haina  
34 Elementary School, SHELLEY LAU served as webmaster for the  
35 Hawai'i Association of School Librarians, taught online  
36 professional development courses on eBooks for Hawai'i Department  
37 of Education educators, participated in Hawai'i Department of  
38 Education School Library Media Services events, and led numerous  
39 Hawai'i Association of School Librarians conferences; and  
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1           WHEREAS, in addition to supporting the Hawai'i Association  
2 of School Librarians, SHELLEY LAU has been an invaluable  
3 resource to her profession; she is committed to nurturing and  
4 preparing future school librarians and has mentored and inspired  
5 many librarians throughout her illustrious career; and  
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7           WHEREAS, SHELLEY LAU's schoolwide literacy programs  
8 highlight the value of having a certified school librarian who  
9 understands the value of effective educational programming; she  
10 is instrumental in assisting students in learning critical  
11 thinking, effective communication, and self-management and  
12 research skills; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the impact of SHELLEY LAU's work is a testament to  
15 the care and aloha she feels for the community of Aina Haina  
16 Elementary School and her ability to elevate the profession and  
17 uplift her colleagues as a librarian; and  
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19           WHEREAS, JOANNA DUNN recently received the Hawai'i  
20 Association of School Librarians' 2022 Outstanding Library  
21 Service Award; and  
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23           WHEREAS, JOANNA DUNN has served Hawai'i's students for over  
24 three decades as a teacher, technology coordinator, and resource  
25 teacher; and  
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27           WHEREAS, throughout her career, JOANNA DUNN has touched the  
28 lives of countless students at Aiea High School, Waipahu High  
29 School, and Blanche Pope Elementary School; and  
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31           WHEREAS, committed to excellence, JOANNA DUNN has been the  
32 educational specialist for Library Media Services in the  
33 Department of Education's Office of Curriculum and Instructional  
34 Design for the past eight years where she works to promote and  
35 support innovative school library media programs and services as  
36 a valuable resource for students and teachers; and  
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38           WHEREAS, the impact of JOANNA DUNN's work is a testament to  
39 the care and aloha she feels for school libraries throughout the  
40 State; and  
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1 WHEREAS, SHELY CHANG was recently named the Hawai'i School  
2 Counselor Association's 2023 Hawai'i School Counselor of the  
3 Year; and

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5 WHEREAS, SHELY CHANG earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in  
6 Ethnic Studies with a certificate in Women's Studies and her  
7 Master of Arts degree in School Counseling from the University  
8 of Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, for the past 18 years, SHELY CHANG has served as  
11 the counselor at Ka'imiloa Elementary School, where she is  
12 committed to promoting programs and activities focused on the  
13 health and wellness of students as well as the greater school  
14 community; and

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16 WHEREAS, through her membership with the Hawai'i School  
17 Counselor Association and American School Counselor Association,  
18 SHELY CHANG helped Ka'imiloa Elementary School receive national  
19 RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) recognition for schools  
20 committed to delivering comprehensive, data-informed school  
21 counseling programs aligned with the American School Counselor  
22 Association National Model framework; and

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24 WHEREAS, SHELY CHANG has served in several important roles  
25 throughout her career, including service with the Peer Mediator  
26 Advisory, Student Council Advisory, Ho'okui after-school  
27 enrichment program, and has organized countless school  
28 functions; and

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30 WHEREAS, SHELY CHANG is recognized as an innovative  
31 contributor who vastly advanced the social and emotional needs  
32 of her students by providing an excellent counseling program and  
33 is fiercely devoted to the Ka'imiloa Elementary School community;  
34 now, therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular  
38 Session of 2023, that this body hereby congratulates AARON  
39 TOMINAGA for being named the National Association of Elementary  
40 School Principals' 2022 National Distinguished Principal, STACY



1 KAWAMURA for being named the National Association of Elementary  
2 School Principals' 2022 National Outstanding Assistant  
3 Principal, SHELLEY LAU for receiving the Hawai'i Association of  
4 School Librarians' 2022 Golden Key Award, JOANNA DUNN for  
5 receiving the Hawai'i Association of School Librarians' 2022  
6 Outstanding Library Service Award, and SHELY CHANG for being  
7 named the Hawai'i School Counselor Association's 2023 Hawai'i  
8 School Counselor of the Year, commends their outstanding  
9 accomplishments and community involvement, and extends to them  
10 its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all  
11 their future endeavors.

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