
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING BRANCH LOTSPEICH FOR PROVIDING CRITICAL LIFE-SAVING SERVICES AND COMMENDING HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO PROTECTING SWIMMERS ACROSS THE WORLD.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is proud to honor
2 exceptionally talented and dedicated individuals; and
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4 WHEREAS, BRANCH LOTSPEICH is one such individual as he has
5 helped to save lives locally and internationally by reducing the
6 risk of drowning related deaths, which are the third leading
7 cause of unintentional deaths; and
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9 WHEREAS, BRANCH LOTSPEICH was a founding member and acting
10 Executive Director of the Rescue Tube Foundation which created
11 Public Access Rescue Tubes and stations that have saved 200
12 lives and prevented an estimated 30 drownings; and
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14 WHEREAS, BRANCH LOTSPEICH and the Rescue Tube Foundation
15 designed bright yellow rescue flotation devices that can hold up
16 to three people for multiple hours, are user-friendly regardless
17 of the language one speaks due to the picture descriptions
18 provided on the device, and are numbered so that in the case of
19 an emergency, the response teams will know the site of the tube
20 even if the location is unknown to those calling about the
21 emergency; and
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23 WHEREAS, BRANCH LOTSPEICH and his leadership in the Rescue
24 Tube Foundation led to the spread of over 600 rescue tube
25 stations throughout the beaches of Hawai'i, the U.S. mainland,
26 and internationally; and
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28 WHEREAS, in January 2024, BRANCH LOTSPEICH, working with
29 the present Chair of the Rescue Tube Project, Eric Kvick, the
30 City and County of Honolulu, Hawai'i Kai Lions Club, and Rotary
31 Club of Honolulu, helped to install 20 rescue tubes along 20



1 miles of O'ahu's southern and windward shores, from Kawaikui
2 Beach Park in A'ina Haina to Kailua Beach Park; and
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4 WHEREAS, BRANCH LOTSPEICH worked internationally in Munich,
5 Germany, for a medical documentary film company; served as a
6 consultant in Sweden's Federal Department of Health; and
7 volunteered in China and Poland as a medical media consultant;
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10 WHEREAS, BRANCH LOTSPEICH has additionally served as the
11 head of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine's
12 Biomedical Communications Department, Chair for Community
13 Service at the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay, Vice President of
14 Operations for a consumer computer company called I/O Magic, and
15 Vice President for Technology with Desience Corporation which
16 designed command and control centers for clients, such as the
17 Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Aeronautical and Space
18 Administration, Department of Defense, and many others; and
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2024, that this body hereby honors BRANCH LOTSPEICH
23 for providing critical life-saving services, commends his
24 outstanding dedication to protecting swimmers across the world,
25 and extends to him its warmest aloha and best wishes for
26 continued success in all future endeavors.
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