
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MARYKNOLL SCHOOL FOR ITS
OUTSTANDING WORK AND SERVICE TO THE STATE OF HAWAII ON ITS
80TH ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, the relationship between the Society of Maryknoll
2 and Hawaii first began in 1924 when the Vatican asked
3 Maryknoll's co-founder James A. Walsh to minister to the growing
4 number of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean immigrants in the
5 Territory of Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, the first Maryknollers, Father William Kress and
8 Brother Philip Morini, arrived in Honolulu on February 4, 1927,
9 and were assigned to a project that involved building a co-
10 educational parish school; and

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12 WHEREAS, ten Maryknoll Sisters were asked to come to
13 Honolulu to open and start up MARYKNOLL SCHOOL in Honolulu,
14 Hawaii, and since their arrival in September 1927, 398 Maryknoll
15 Sisters have served Hawaii taking on the administration of six
16 other elementary schools and two high schools, while answering
17 other calls to serve, including the establishment of Catholic
18 Charities Hawaii; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Maryknoll Sisters opened MARYKNOLL SCHOOL on
21 September 6, 1927, in a one-story wood-frame building, with six
22 Maryknoll Sisters teaching 170 students in grades 1 through 6
23 and holding its first high school graduation in 1935; and

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25 WHEREAS, 80 years later, MARYKNOLL SCHOOL educates 1,400
26 students in pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade over two campuses
27 and are committed to teaching service in every aspect of the
28 curriculum and in extracurricular projects just as the Maryknoll
29 Sisters taught; and



1 WHEREAS, 830 grade school students receive an exceptional
 2 academic foundation along with spiritual and character formation
 3 and 560 young men and women in high school receive a unique,
 4 student-centered experience, encouraging hands-on learning and
 5 genuinely valuing the gifts and talents of each student; and
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7 WHEREAS, the School's motto, "Noblesse Oblige" or "To whom
 8 much is given, much is expected" embodies the values of service
 9 and social justice of the founding Maryknoll Sisters; and
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11 WHEREAS, MARYKNOLL SCHOOL remains committed to instilling
 12 these values of service and social justice through the education
 13 of young men and women in this State; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 17 Session of 2008, that this body hereby recognizes and
 18 congratulates MARYKNOLL SCHOOL for its exceptional work,
 19 achievements, and community service to the people of Hawaii, and
 20 extends its warmest aloha and sincere best wishes for continued
 21 success in educating Hawaii's youth.
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