
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING BERT A. KOBAYASHI FOR HIS LEADERSHIP
AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
AND THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, BERT A. KOBAYASHI is a highly respected leader in
2 the construction industry who, through his entrepreneurial and
3 civic activities, has made substantial contributions to the
4 community; and
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6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Farrington High School, BERT A.
7 KOBAYASHI attended Kapiolani Community College, Makiki Christian
8 Church College, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 1962, BERT A. KOBAYASHI took over the helm of
11 Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc., and during his term as Chairman and
12 CEO, he built a reputation of getting the job done on schedule
13 and within budget, and also helped it grow from a \$2 million-a-
14 year company to a \$125 million-a-year company; and
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16 WHEREAS, BERT A. KOBAYASHI's heart has always been in
17 building affordable housing to ensure that the residents of
18 Hawaii, especially public school graduates, can live in Hawaii,
19 and is credited with building hundreds of affordable units in
20 West Loch and Kapolei; and
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22 WHEREAS, after the sale of Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc., in
23 the early 1990's, BERT A. KOBAYASHI refocused his energies on
24 real estate and investments and eventually founded the Kobayashi
25 Group, which is responsible for numerous notable projects
26 including Kuki'o Beach Resort and Golf Club in Kona, Napili
27 Villas on Maui, and the luxury condominium Hokua in Honolulu;
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30 WHEREAS, BERT A. KOBAYASHI has demonstrated an aptitude for
31 community work, having served on the board of trustees of the



1 Japan America Society of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii
2 Foundation, the Kapiolani Health Care Foundation, Mid-Pacific
3 Institute, Kuakini Health Systems, and the Nature Conservancy of
4 Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, BERT A. KOBAYASHI has also served on the board of
7 directors of the Bishop Museum, St. Louis Education Foundation,
8 National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Hawaii Nature
9 Center, and American Savings Bank, and as a board member of the
10 Polynesian Voyaging Society, he was instrumental in rallying the
11 general and business communities to embrace, support, and
12 ultimately strengthen the society; and

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14 WHEREAS, BERT A. KOBAYASHI's lifetime of achievements in
15 business and his endless dedication to the community have earned
16 him a place on the Farrington Alumni and Community Foundation's
17 Hall of Fame and numerous awards, including Georgetown
18 University's Patrick Healy Award in 1994, Pacific Business News'
19 Business Leader of the Year Award in 2002, and Bishop Museum's
20 Charles Reed Bishop Medal in 2004; and

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22 WHEREAS, while BERT A. KOBAYASHI has gained fame and
23 fortune due to his remarkable business accomplishments, he would
24 much rather be remembered for being a hard-working, honest
25 person with humble roots in Kalihi who gave back to the
26 community and made Hawaii a better place; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2008, that this body hereby recognizes and commends
31 BERT A. KOBAYASHI for being an outstanding role model and an
32 inspiration for Hawaii's next generation of business leaders,
33 and for his invaluable contributions to the State of Hawaii, and
34 extends to him and his family its warmest aloha and best wishes
35 for continued success in all future endeavors.

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