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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK DEDICATE ITS SCHOOL IN HONOR OF MYRON "PINKY" THOMPSON, BY CHANGING ITS NAME TO "THE MYRON THOMPSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK".

1 WHEREAS, Myron "Pinky" Thompson was a visionary who helped  
2 to create a legacy that continues to live on today; and  
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4 WHEREAS, he played a vital role in the establishment of the  
5 Native Hawaiian health care system, Alu Like, Inc., and the  
6 Polynesian Voyaging Society; and  
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8 WHEREAS, Pinky earned his bachelor's degree in sociology  
9 from Colby College, and then went on to earn his master's degree  
10 in social work from the University of Hawaii; and  
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12 WHEREAS, he served as the State Administrator under  
13 Governor John A. Burns; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Pinky also served as the Executive Director of the  
16 Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing where he gained  
17 national recognition fighting for welfare benefits for the  
18 people of Hawaii; and  
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20 WHEREAS, in addition, Pinky also served as a trustee for  
21 the Bishop Estate where he helped to develop early childhood  
22 education programs through Kamehameha Schools; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Myron "Pinky" Thompson was an extraordinary  
25 individual who has made numerous contributions to the Native  
26 Hawaiian community where he will always remain a leader and a  
27 role model, continuing to inspire future generations of Hawaii's  
28 youth; now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
32 that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is requested to  
33 dedicate the University of Hawaii School of Social Work in honor



1 of Myron "Pinky" Thompson, by changing the school's name to "The  
2 Myron Thompson School of Social Work"; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque be placed at the  
5 entrance to the School of Social Work explaining Myron "Pinky"  
6 Thompson's contributions to the University of Hawaii and the  
7 State of Hawaii; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of  
11 Hawaii; the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the Dean of  
12 the University of Hawaii School of Social Work; and Hawaii's  
13 congressional delegation.

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