H.R. NO. 116

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN
SAFEGUARDING HAWAI’I’S NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES,
EDUCATING THE YOUTH OF HAWAI’I, AND PERPETUATING NATIVE
HAWAIIAN ORAL TRADITIONS AND HISTORY.

WHEREAS, the wealth and vitality of our State is due in
large part to the efforts of civic-minded individuals who give
so much of their time, energy, and talents to meet community and
cultural needs and to fulfill a vision for the well-being of
society; and

WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK epitomizes such laudable
characteristics through her tireless work on numerous social
fronts, including her efforts to ensure the safety of Hawai‘i’s
natural and cultural resources, to educate the State’s youth
through video and film, and to perpetuate Native Hawaiian oral
traditions and history through various forms of media
technology; and

WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK has proven herself to be a
true daughter of Hawai‘i through her involvement in grassroots
initiatives to protect the centuries-old heiaus Hawea and Pahua
in Hawai‘i Kai, O‘ahu, and to create statewide awareness about
the need to ban shark tours in the interest of public safety and
in respect of Native Hawaiian cultural beliefs; and

WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK launched her Web site
maunalua.net in 2008, which functions as a rich repository of
stories offered by lifelong residents of East O‘ahu’s Maunalua
Bay and thereby preserves the rich oral history of the area for
succeeding generations to come; and

WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK’S dedication to collecting
and preserving the oral histories of Native Hawaiian kupuna
(elders/ancestors) was recognized in 1996 when her critically

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acclaimed film "Happy Birthday, Tutu Ruth" received the Gold Apple award from the National Media Network Market; and

WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK has worked for over 15 years as a producer and director for the Teleschool Branch of the Hawai'i State Department of Education, during which time she has used the power of film to educate and empower Hawai'i's youngest minds through such programs as "Choices," "Stories to Tell," "Voices and Wings," and "Pacific Clues"; and

WHEREAS, ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK received the 2009 award as Outstanding Alumnus of Sacred Hearts Academy for her selfless contributions to community service and her distinguished achievements as a filmmaker; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2010, that this body hereby honors ANN MARIE NALANI KIRK for her outstanding service in safeguarding Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, educating the youth of Hawai'i, and perpetuating Native Hawaiian oral traditions and history, and extends to her its sincerest gratitude and best wishes for her future endeavors.

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