WHEREAS, the Legislature is always proud to recognize and honor the outstanding accomplishments of those individuals who define excellence and provide inspiration for the people of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, surfing, or papa he'e nalu, is of such historical and cultural significance to Hawaii that surfing was adopted, established, and designated as the official individual sport of the State; and

WHEREAS, in the days of ancient Hawaii, papa he'e nalu was the sport of the ali'i, who used it as a way of training their warriors; and

WHEREAS, the late Duke Kahanamoku, the late Eddie Aikau, and the late Rell Sunn as well as present-day Polynesian surfers Clyde Aikau, Ben Aipa, Mitchell Alapa, Derek Ho, Michael Ho, Buffalo Keaulana, and Titus Kinimaka stand out as surfing legends spanning several generations; and

WHEREAS, these Polynesian tribal surfers have attained tremendous success and contributed greatly to the sport of surfing in Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that this body hereby honors and congratulates the aforementioned Polynesian tribal surfers for their contributions to, and accomplishments in, the sport of surfing, and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.