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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CHAD MILLER AS THE 2012 STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, KAEOKULANI VASCONCELLOS AS THE 2012 HONOLULU DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MEGHAN MCCORMICK AS THE 2012 CENTRAL OAHU DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, LUANE HIGUCHI AS THE 2012 LEEWARD OAHU DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, NANCY IAUKEA AS THE 2012 HAWAII DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MITZI HASEGAWA AS THE 2012 MAUI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, SHERIANN MOISES AS THE 2012 KAUAI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND AMBER STRONG MAKAI AU AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 TEACHING TOLERANCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING.

1           WHEREAS, Chad Miller, a teacher at Kailua High School, is  
2 the 2012 State Teacher of the Year, being selected from a group  
3 of Hawaii's best and brightest educators thanks to his exemplary  
4 commitment to teaching and his innovative student-based inquiry  
5 approach to English instruction, which sets high expectations  
6 and has yielded exceptional results; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Kaeokulani Vasconcellos, a teacher at Roosevelt  
9 High School, is the 2012 Honolulu District Teacher of the Year,  
10 a result of his passion for teaching handed down to him by his  
11 father and grandfather, dedication to professional development  
12 exemplified by his pursuit of a doctorate in education, and  
13 innovative, peer-based teaching methods; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Meghan McCormick, a teacher at Wheeler Middle  
16 School, is the 2012 Central Oahu District Teacher of the Year,  
17 selected due to her commitment to excellence in education and  
18 the instrumental role she played in establishing Wheeler's  
19 Leaders with an Emphasis on Achievement and Determination  
20 program, which fosters relationships among teachers, students,  
21 families, and communities; and



1           WHEREAS, Luane Higuchi, a Waianae Intermediate School media  
2 teacher, is the 2012 Leeward Oahu District Teacher of the Year,  
3 by virtue of her efforts in and out of the classroom that have  
4 equipped her students with media skills, which they have used to  
5 produce public service announcements that have been featured on  
6 local television and have culminated in awards, grants, and  
7 trips abroad that benefit Waianae Intermediate students and the  
8 Waianae community as a whole; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Nancy Iaukea, a teacher at Pahoa High and  
11 Intermediate School, is the 2012 Hawaii District Teacher of the  
12 Year, by virtue of her extraordinary commitment to her students,  
13 who have responded by earning numerous awards and honors at  
14 district and state science fairs over the last five years; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Mitzi Hasegawa, a teacher at Hana Elementary and  
17 High School, is the 2012 Maui District Teacher of the Year,  
18 selected for her dedication to her students and advocacy for  
19 Hana Elementary and High School's comprehensive Math  
20 Professional Learning Community, where teachers meet twice a  
21 month to strengthen the curriculum; and  
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23           WHEREAS, Sheriann Moises, a teacher at Chiefess Kamakahalei  
24 Middle School, is the 2012 Kauai District Teacher of the Year, a  
25 result of her strong classroom management skills, dedication to  
26 leading Chiefess Kamakahalei's English department, and diligence  
27 in analyzing school data, which assists her in collaborating  
28 with her colleagues; and  
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30           WHEREAS, Amber Strong Makaiiau, a teacher at Kailua High  
31 School, is the recipient of the 2011 Teaching Tolerance Award  
32 for Excellence in Culturally Responsive Teaching, for her  
33 exemplary work with the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence  
34 Prevention Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and her  
35 students at Kailua High School, whom she encourages to be  
36 innovative, critical thinkers who examine and make their own  
37 assessments about Hawaii's diverse and complex modern social  
38 structure; now, therefore,  
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40           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2012, that this body hereby commends, congratulates, and  
2 honors Chad Miller, Kaeokulani Vasconcellos, Meghan McCormick,  
3 Luane Higuchi, Nancy Iaukea, Mitzi Hasegawa, Sheriann Moises,  
4 and Amber Strong Makaiiau for their outstanding accomplishments  
5 and much-deserved recognition, and extends to all of them its  
6 sincere mahalo and best wishes for continued success in all  
7 future endeavors.

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