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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY.

1           WHEREAS, in 1954, the United States Department of Health,  
2 Education, and Welfare awarded a \$500,000 grant to the Territory  
3 of Hawaii to construct a high school in the ahupua'a of 'Aiea,  
4 overlooking historic Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor); and  
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6           WHEREAS, in 1954, territorial representatives traveled to  
7 New York to arrange for a \$179,200 bond sale which would pay for  
8 the purchase of land for the planned high school; and  
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10           WHEREAS, in 1961, 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL opened its doors to some  
11 200 students from nearby communities, all of whom would no  
12 longer have to commute six miles away from home to earn a high  
13 school diploma; and  
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15           WHEREAS, from its humble roots of eight buildings rising  
16 from the red dirt of a former sugarcane field, 'AIEA HIGH  
17 SCHOOL's infrastructure has grown two-fold, and in the half-  
18 century since its inception, the school's annual enrollment has  
19 flourished six times over, to more than 1,200 bright young  
20 people; and  
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22           WHEREAS, 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL's vision is "learning today to  
23 enlighten tomorrow", and its mission is "to develop fine  
24 citizens in a diverse and ever-changing world"; and  
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26           WHEREAS, 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL takes pride in inspiring and  
27 nurturing the minds of its students, assisting each individual  
28 to develop integrity, respect, and a sense of civic  
29 responsibility; and



1 WHEREAS, 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL is a pioneer in the field of  
2 sustainable technology, as the first Department of Education  
3 High School on O'ahu to be powered by solar energy; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 1999, 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL was recognized as an  
6 outstanding State Blue Ribbon School, and 'Aiea High School's Nā  
7 Ali'i alumni are found in the highest levels of commerce,  
8 education, science, art, public service, and technology; and

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10 WHEREAS, 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL's long list of local, national,  
11 and international academic, athletic, music, and service awards  
12 brings great pride to the State of Hawaii, including the recent  
13 accomplishments of the Girls Wrestling Team winning three  
14 individual titles and the overall team title in the state  
15 wrestling championship tournament on March 3, 2012; now,  
16 therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2012, that this body hereby congratulates 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL on  
21 the momentous occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and extends its  
22 best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

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