
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CHERYL AGCAOILI, DESIREA AGUINALDO-HELISHAM, RIA BALDEVIA, RADIANT CORDERO, KRISTIAN LEI, ZHOYDELL MAGAOAY, YVONNE MIDKIFF, MARGARET PASCUAL, GABRIEL TORNO, AND ROUEL VELASCO FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG FILIPINOS OF 2011.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is blessed by the unselfish
2 contributions of those exceptional individuals who exhibit an
3 exemplary work ethic in their career paths while generously
4 giving back to their community; and

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WHEREAS, the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of One-Source Inc., DESIREA AGUINALDO-HELISHAM is a successful young professional who was named Outstanding Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2011-2012 by the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and she continues to give back to her community by being involved in many programs and organizations, including Social Wahine, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Society for Human Resource Management, and the Supporting Employment Empowerment program, which helps place unemployed women in jobs; and

WHEREAS, RIA BALDEVIA is the founder and principal of a Hawaii-based digital marketing and consulting boutique company called the Sensus Group, which specializes in finding practical solutions for online branding and social media publishing; she is also the creator and author of a wildly successful children's



1 adventure series app on iTunes called *Meena and Friends* which
2 represents the future of children's books in the 21st century;
3 this multitalented dancer, musician, entrepreneur,
4 philanthropist, businesswoman, internet writer, and author is
5 also a political consultant, and she currently serves as the
6 Hawaii Director for Obama for America, the reelection campaign
7 for President Obama; and

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9 WHEREAS, a senior at the University of Hawaii at Manoa who
10 is double majoring in Political Science and American Studies,
11 RADIANT CORDERO is an intern for State House of Representatives
12 Vice Speaker Joey Manahan, the Representative for District 29
13 (Sand Island, Mokauea, Kalihi Kai, and Kapalama), and actively
14 contributes to her community by being involved in various
15 organizations, including the Ethnic Studies Student Association
16 as a member of its Board of Directors, the KOKUA program, the
17 American Studies Undergraduate Leaders program, Filipinos Linked
18 in Pride, Prevent Child Abuse, the Pacific Alliance, and, most
19 notably, ClubCharm, a program for girls aged 7-12 that strives
20 to nurture and grow young leaders in a loving environment -
21 instilling in them positive character development and leadership
22 skills so that they will blossom into well-educated, creative,
23 and responsible young women; and

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25 WHEREAS, KRISTIAN LEI is an international performing artist
26 and educator, and the founder of a non-profit called the
27 "Honolulu Broadway Babies"; she has participated in numerous
28 theatre productions around the world, including the lead role of
29 Kim in the Cameron Mackintosh Production of *Miss Saigon* in
30 Stuttgart, Germany, at the tender age of 19, the role of Tuptim
31 in the Hawaii Opera Theater's production of *The King and I*, and
32 the roles of Princess Nala and Rafiki in the Festival of the
33 Lion King in Hong Kong's Disneyland from 2009-2010; and

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35 WHEREAS, ZHOYDELL MAGAOAY is a dedicated social worker and
36 quality services supervisor at Manawa Lea Health Services, the
37 Arc in Hawaii, and Maluhia Health Services; he is also a
38 graduate student pursuing his Masters of Science Degree with a
39 focus on Counseling Psychology at Chaminade University, and a
40 Student Services Coordinator and teacher at Farrington High
41 School; and



1 WHEREAS, a field engineer at Charles Pankow Builders,
2 YVONNE MIDKIFF was featured in Hawaii Business News' "20 for the
3 Next 20" Award in 2010, and continually strives to be an
4 exemplary role model for young women; shortly after completing
5 her undergraduate degree, she worked as a bridge and building
6 assistant construction supervisor for Burlington Northern Santa
7 Fe Railway, a Fortune 200 company; currently pursuing a Masters
8 of Civil Engineering degree in Construction Management at the
9 University of Hawaii at Manoa, she has volunteered her time to
10 many worthy causes and organizations, such as the U.S. Green
11 Building Council and the Society of Women Engineers, and was
12 instrumental in starting the local chapter of Engineers Without
13 Borders; and

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15 WHEREAS, a full-time nursing student at the University of
16 Hawaii at Manoa, MARGARET PASCUAL is a devoted member of St.
17 Jude Catholic Church who has been very involved with the Youth
18 Ministry program since 2005, assisting with religious education
19 activities and serving as the youth choir conductor and as an
20 altar server; this gifted musician shares her musical talents
21 with the youth of St. Jude and the elderly in nursing homes by
22 entertaining them with her beautiful piano playing; she is also
23 a member of the United Filipino Council, the Student Nurses
24 Association, the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Dean's List,
25 and the National Honor Society; and

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27 WHEREAS, a University of Hawaii graduate with a bachelor of
28 arts degree in Ethnic Studies, GABRIEL TORNO is the founder and
29 director of Tekniqlingz and has published *Diary of a Jollibee*
30 *Kid* (www.jollibeekid.com), a popular online blog in which he
31 shares his love for the Philippine fast food restaurant chain
32 Jollibee while simultaneously educating his readers about what
33 it means to be Filipino in today's modern world; an active
34 member of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce, he
35 strives to inspire the youth of his community by volunteering
36 his time to various educational and non-profit organizations
37 such as the Fort Shafter Youth Center, Bishop Museum, and Read
38 Aloud America; and



1 WHEREAS, ROUEL VELASCO is an Operations Coordinator for the
 2 Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's
 3 Student Life and Development Office, where he advises and trains
 4 highly motivated student leaders who are elected to serve their
 5 peers; he has dedicated his life to serving others through
 6 various organizations: as a Youth Representative for the
 7 National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII
 8 since 2005; as a deacon, exhorter, praise and worship member,
 9 and children's ministry teacher at Amazing Grace Ministries; and
 10 as 2011-2012 President of the Sariling Gawa Youth Council; this
 11 fine young gentleman is self-sacrificing and sincere, and says
 12 that his greatest sense of honor comes from seeing the results
 13 of his work with young people and inspiring them to make a
 14 difference in their communities; and

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 16 WHEREAS, these ten exceptional individuals have gone above
 17 and beyond the call of duty to better themselves and the
 18 community, and serve as inspirational role models to all the
 19 youth of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 23 of 2012, that this body hereby honors and commends CHERYL
 24 AGCAOILI, DESIREA AGUINALDO-HELSHAM, RIA BALDEVIA, RADIANT
 25 CORDERO, KRISTIAN LEI, ZHOYDELL MAGAOAY, YVONNE MIDKIFF,
 26 MARGARET PASCUAL, GABRIEL TORNO, and ROUEL VELASCO for their
 27 extraordinary accomplishments and dedication to community
 28 service, congratulates them on being named the Ten Outstanding
 29 Young Filipinos of 2011, and extends to all of them its warmest
 30 aloha and sincere best wishes for continued success in all
 31 future endeavors.

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