
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE MARYKNOLL SISTERS FOR 100 YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE AND OUTREACH TO HELP THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD
AND TO BETTER THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, living in many countries around the world has
2 given the Maryknoll Sisters the opportunity to focus on civil
3 and human rights in their ministries along with economic
4 development, education, peace, women's advocacy, health care,
5 and the environment; and

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7 WHEREAS, the first Maryknoll Sisters came to Hawaii on
8 September 5, 1927, invited by Bishop Stephen Alencastre to start
9 the parochial school system beginning with Sacred Heart,
10 Honolulu and St. Ann, Heeia; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Maryknoll Sisters established Catholic Social
13 Services in 1943, the precursor to Catholic Charities Hawaii;
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16 WHEREAS, Catholic Charities was opened by three sisters led
17 by Sister Victoria Francis Larmour, an East Coast pioneer in
18 modern social work; and

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20 WHEREAS, they introduced adoption, social action, parish
21 outreach, group homes, Project Rachel for women who had
22 abortions, foster care, and other programs that Catholic
23 Charities maintains today; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Maryknoll Sisters designed the interfaith
26 Project RESPECT in 1983, which now serves as Project Dana
27 sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, with 700
28 volunteers reaching 900 frail elderly; and

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30 WHEREAS, by the end of the 1990s, the work of Hawaii's
31 Maryknollers was diverse and imaginative; they volunteered in



1 hospitals, parishes, prisons, and women's shelters, and worked
2 with children, abused women, immigrants, and the elderly; now,
3 therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2012, that this body hereby congratulates the Maryknoll
8 Sisters for 100 years of dedicated service and outreach to help
9 those in need around the world and to better the lives of
10 individuals and the community, honors the Maryknoll Sisters'
11 legacy, and expresses its warmest aloha and best wishes to all
12 of the Sisters now and in the future.
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