
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 2012 HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII'S LIVING TREASURES.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the true beauty of our
2 island State lies in its people, who share their immense
3 talents, knowledge, and resources to make Hawaii a better place
4 to live; and
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6 WHEREAS, since 1976, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of
7 Hawaii's Living Treasures Program has been honoring individuals
8 who have demonstrated excellence in their fields and who have
9 made lifelong and significant contributions toward creating a
10 more humane society; and
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12 WHEREAS, five Living Treasures, Goro Arakawa, Barbara
13 Fusako Kawakami, Dr. Ben Finney, Lynette Kahekili Paglinawan,
14 and Gordon Mark, were honored at the 37th Annual Living Treasures
15 of Hawaii Program on February 4, 2012; and
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17 WHEREAS, Goro Arakawa, a civic leader and accomplished
18 businessman, helped found Hawaii's Plantation Village in
19 Waipahu, an outdoor history museum that showcases the experience
20 of Hawaii's plantation workers; and
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22 WHEREAS, Barbara Fusako Kawakami has dedicated her life to
23 preserving and protecting Japanese culture and traditions and is
24 best known for her expertise in Japanese immigrant clothing; and
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26 WHEREAS, Co-Founder of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Dr.
27 Ben Finney is known worldwide for his work in Polynesian
28 navigation; and
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30 WHEREAS, a key force in the Hawaiian renaissance, Lynette
31 Kahekili Paglinawan perpetuates Hawaiian culture and music and
32 works to draw peace from conflict by practicing ho'oponopono; and



1 WHEREAS, a benevolent educator and extraordinary 'ukulele
 2 player, Gordon Mark set his mark by fusing Western classical and
 3 Hawaiian music and working tirelessly to compile a repertoire of
 4 more than 1,000 songs; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2012, that this body hereby recognizes the 2012 Honpa
 9 Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Living Treasures, congratulates
 10 and expresses its gratitude to Goro Arakawa, Barbara Fusako
 11 Kawakami, Dr. Ben Finney, Lynette Kahekili Paglinawan, and
 12 Gordon Mark for their outstanding lifelong contributions to the
 13 community, and extends its aloha and best wishes for continued
 14 success in all of their future endeavors.

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