
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING GLENN LEE AS THE 2011 HAWAII MILKEN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR; SARAH WAGNER-DORICH AS THE 2011 HAWAII MILKEN EDUCATOR TEACHER OF PROMISE; TOM KURASHIGE AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 MASAYUKI TOKIOKA EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD; KAREN IKEMOTO AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF HAWAII'S 2011 LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD; TERI KING-AGAN, ROFINA RIVERA, AND RANDY SOTSUDA AS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF HAWAII'S 2011 EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDEES; AND ELDEN SETA AS THE 2012 NATIONAL BANDWORLD LEGION OF HONOR LAUREATE.

1 WHEREAS, Glenn Lee, a Waialua High and Intermediate School
2 career and technical educator, is the 2011 Hawaii Milken
3 Educator of the Year as the result of his revisions to the math
4 curriculum, institution of a higher expectation of success, and
5 extraordinary work with students in the Waialua High and
6 Intermediate School robotics program, including the creation of
7 a VEX robotics program for the intermediate and high school
8 curriculum and establishment of a high school robotics
9 curriculum; and

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11 WHEREAS, Sarah Wagner-Dorich, a Kapunahala Elementary
12 School teacher, is Hawaii's 2011 Milken Educator Teacher of
13 Promise by virtue of her professional development initiatives,
14 including training sessions to develop her skills in
15 differentiation, cross-cultural language, and visualizing and
16 verbalizing for early learners and English language learning,
17 all of which have led to an innovative and unparalleled learning
18 environment for her kindergartners; and

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20 WHEREAS, Tom Kurashige, the Principal of Aiea Intermediate
21 School, is the recipient of the 2011 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence
22 in School Leadership Award, as his visionary leadership has
23 incorporated aspects of interdisciplinary education and an
24 entrepreneurial spirit into projects through the application of



1 math, science, and engineering concepts, culminating in the
2 implementation of an aquaponics program at Aiea Intermediate
3 School, whereby students can apply the aforementioned principles
4 in practice; and

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6 WHEREAS, Karen Ikemoto, a librarian at Hanapepe Public
7 Library, is the recipient of the Friends of the Library of
8 Hawaii's 2011 Librarian of the Year Award, as she has worked at
9 the Lihue Public Library and the Hanapepe Public Library,
10 overseeing vital capital improvements and coordinating community
11 events in addition to maintaining a high level of service to the
12 general public; and

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14 WHEREAS, Teri King-Agan, a librarian at Keaau Public and
15 School Library, is a recipient of the Friends of the Library of
16 Hawaii's 2011 Excellence in Service Award, having been with the
17 library system for 15 years and beginning her career in Hilo
18 before moving to the Keaau Public and School Library, where as a
19 library technician, she created a variety of programs, including
20 a color-coded video catalog system, and a simplified technique
21 for teaching novices on how to use the computer-based collection
22 catalog; and

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24 WHEREAS, Rofina Rivera, a librarian at the Ewa Beach Public
25 and School Library, is a recipient of the Friends of the Library
26 of Hawaii's 2011 Excellence in Service Award, as a result of her
27 dedication to patrons who require assistance in areas such as
28 computer provision and training, finding and using community
29 resources, coordination of public programs, and basic literacy
30 education; and

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32 WHEREAS, Randy Sotsuda, a librarian at the Kaimuki Public
33 Library, is a recipient of the Friends of the Library of
34 Hawaii's 2011 Excellence in Service Award, by virtue of her
35 helpfulness to community members, and her work in assisting them
36 with computer provision and training, coordination of public
37 programs, basic literacy education, and finding and using
38 community resources; and

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40 WHEREAS, Elden Seta, the Music Director at Moanalua High
41 School, is the 2012 National Bandworld Legion of Honor Laureate,



1 due to his unwavering commitment to musical excellence, which
2 has been marked by an accumulation of prestigious awards and
3 performances, as class after class of his students have
4 passionately risen to the challenge of maintaining the program's
5 reputation as one of the best in the nation; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2012, that this body hereby recognizes, congratulates, and
10 honors Glenn Lee, Sarah Wagner-Dorich, Tom Kurashige, Karen
11 Ikemoto, Teri King-Agan, Rofina Rivera, Randy Sotsuda, and Elden
12 Seta for their outstanding accomplishments and much-deserved
13 awards, and extends to all of them its sincere mahalo and best
14 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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