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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE HAWAII: NEXT 50 CONTEST.

1           WHEREAS, the future of our State and country depends upon  
2 the students of today, for they are the future leaders of the  
3 community and should be supported in their everyday endeavors;  
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6           WHEREAS, the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest is inspired by former  
7 Governor George Ariyoshi's book, "Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years,  
8 The Next Fifty Years," which looks into our islands' history as  
9 a State and prompts the next generation to think about what can  
10 be done to keep Hawaii moving forward in the next century; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Plan, developed by Governor  
13 Ariyoshi, contained a number of long-range policies regarding  
14 Hawaii's future development, with the contributions and ideas  
15 from concerned citizens being essential in the planning process;  
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18           WHEREAS, this contest is intended to encourage our youth to  
19 take ownership of their future, to take an active role in  
20 shaping their communities, and to voice their opinion on the  
21 direction that the State of Hawaii must take to make it the best  
22 place it can be, showing others that their opinions matter and  
23 their voices are being heard; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, sponsored by the  
26 Hawaii State House of Representatives, Chamber of Commerce  
27 Hawaii, Sultan Ventures, aio Foundation, and the Hawaii Crop  
28 Improvement Association, asks the students of Hawaii: "Looking  
29 ahead to the next 50 years, imagine how we can use current  
30 technology or future technology to create more affordable  
31 housing, achieve food sustainability, or promote new and  
32 innovative industries?"; and



1 WHEREAS, over 200 students from grades four to twelve sent  
 2 submissions to the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, touching on topics  
 3 such as reducing the cost of living and promoting affordable  
 4 housing, building self-sufficient architecture, establishing  
 5 clean agricultural practices, applying biotechnology to farming,  
 6 and harnessing renewable energy sources; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the submissions of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest  
 9 winners, Eliana Sueoka of Aina Haina Elementary School, Kye  
 10 Steele of King Intermediate School, Robert Dempsey of Kealakehe  
 11 High School, Kershylle Alivio of Maemae Elementary School, Remy  
 12 Kubota of Highlands Intermediate School, and Aiyana Bennion of  
 13 Kahuku High School, best embody the spirit of the Hawaii: Next  
 14 50 Contest in proposing solutions to the problems that Hawaii  
 15 faces today and imagining a path for Hawaii's future in the next  
 16 50 years; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 19 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 20 of 2017, that this body hereby congratulates the winners of the  
 21 Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, and expresses to them its deep  
 22 appreciation for coming up with creative solutions to keep  
 23 Hawaii moving forward and make it the best place to live and  
 24 work for the next 50 years and beyond.  
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