
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JOHN Y. GOTANDA AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF HAWAII' I
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.

1 WHEREAS, hard work, determination, and talent describe JOHN
2 Y. GOTANDA's progression from Oahu-born son, born to Masae and
3 Yukio (deceased) Gotanda, with high aspirations, big dreams, and
4 a will to succeed, to his impressive and meteoric rise to fill
5 one of the most prestigious professional positions in the State
6 of Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, after attending Manoa Elementary School and Robert
9 Louis Stevenson Middle School and graduating Roosevelt High
10 School, he later enrolled at the University of Hawaii at Manoa
11 (BBA, 1984) and then the William S. Richardson School of Law
12 (J.D. 1987), becoming editor-in-chief of the Law Review; and
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14 WHEREAS, following law school, JOHN Y. GOTANDA became a
15 staff attorney with the United States Court of Appeals for the
16 District of Columbia Circuit, and then became an associate
17 attorney with Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. and later
18 with Goodwin, Procter & Hoar in Boston; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 1994, JOHN Y. GOTANDA joined the faculty of the
21 Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law as Professor
22 of Law, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Associate Dean for
23 Faculty Research, and Director of the J.D./M.B.A. Program; from
24 2011-2016 he served as the Dean of the Law School; and
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26 WHEREAS, under JOHN Y. GOTANDA's leadership, the Villanova
27 Law School developed and implemented a strategic plan that
28 radically changed the school's curriculum, reducing the time and
29 cost of the program, eliminating barriers to entry, and
30 establishing increased international opportunities for its
31 students; and



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