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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GUSTAV H. WEBLING ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

1           WHEREAS, Gustav H. Webling Elementary School opened its  
2 doors on February 26, 1968; the school was named in honor of  
3 Gustav H. Webling, a teacher and principal in the Territory of  
4 Hawaii's Department of Public Instruction for 36 years and a  
5 symbol of the dedication and professionalism of educators; and  
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7           WHEREAS, on opening day, the younger children took a bus  
8 and the fourth and fifth graders walked from Aiea Elementary  
9 School to their new campus, which consisted of two buildings;  
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12           WHEREAS, during the official opening ceremony, Gustav H.  
13 Webling's wife, Mrs. Marie Adams Kaleialii Webling, participated  
14 in the traditional untying of the maile lei and a portrait of  
15 the school's namesake was donated, where it still hangs today;  
16 also in 1968, teachers and students planted trees around the  
17 campus, some of which are still standing; and  
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19           WHEREAS, while much has changed over the past half-century  
20 with the community growing by leaps and bounds, the commitment  
21 of the school's faculty and staff to educate children remains  
22 undiminished by time; the campus currently has three classroom  
23 buildings, two portables, a cafeteria, administration building,  
24 playcourt, a rock garden near the flag pole, and a fourth grade  
25 lo'i and there are now 50 full-time faculty and staff and over  
26 476 students; and  
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28           WHEREAS, this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gustav H.  
29 Webling Elementary School and like Gustav H. Webling, Principal  
30 Chad Matsuda and his faculty and staff strive to remain true to  
31 their mission to provide a challenging, meaningful, safe,  
32 standards-based educational environment for their students while



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1 also emphasizing academic achievement, leadership skills,  
2 character education, and cultural pride; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2018, that this body hereby commends and congratulates Gustav  
7 H. Webling Elementary School on the momentous occasion of its  
8 50th anniversary and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes  
9 to the principal, faculty, and staff for their continued success  
10 in providing a rich and challenging educational environment for  
11 their students.

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