
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 delves 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 numerous 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, aio Foundation, Hawaii
27 Pacific Health, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii
28 Pacific Health Institute, asks the students of Hawaii: "What can
29 we do to promote the healthy Hawaii we want to see in the next
30 50 years?"; and

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32 WHEREAS, over 300 students from grades four to twelve sent
33 submissions to the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, touching on topics



1 such as air pollution, invasive species, homelessness, creating
2 affordable housing options, establishing programs to improve
3 people's attitudes, and initiatives to prevent obesity; and
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5 WHEREAS, the submissions of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest
6 winners: Kaia Fujinaka of Waiakea Elementary School, Brian Li of
7 Punahou School, Cameryn Rae Kahalewai of Molokai High School,
8 Aaron Omuro of Kahului Elementary School, Alena Bolosan of Ewa
9 Makai Middle School, and Mary Brittany Bello of Waipahu High
10 School, best embody the spirit of the Hawaii: Next 50 contest in
11 proposing solutions to the problems that Hawaii faces today and
12 imagining a path for Hawaii's future in the next 50 years; now,
13 therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of the Representatives of the
16 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State Hawaii, Regular Session of
17 2018, that this body hereby congratulates the winners of the
18 Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, and expresses to them its deep
19 appreciation for coming up with creative solutions to keep
20 Hawaii moving forward and make it the best place to live and
21 work for the next 50 years and beyond.
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