
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING VANESSA CHING AS THE 2018 STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, GREGG IHA AS THE CENTRAL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DEL ONAGA AS THE WINDWARD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, NAOMI SALAVERIA AS THE HONOLULU DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, ERIKA KANEO AS THE HAWAII DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, FRANCINE HUGHES AS THE MAUI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AMANDA FRETTO AS THE KAUAI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND CRISTIN PRIOLO AS THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, VANESSA CHING is a national board certified
2 elementary and special education teacher who has taught within
3 the Hawai'i Department of Education for fourteen years. VANESSA
4 CHING holds many positions at Ewa Makai Middle School including,
5 Green Program Coordinator, Year Book Advisor, as well as Student
6 Activities Coordinator. VANESSA CHING's advocacy and lessons in
7 green initiatives have inspired her students to reduce their
8 carbon footprints and to extend this initiative throughout the
9 entire school. Ewa Makai won the National Green Ribbon School
10 Certification and is the only school statewide to have received
11 this honor; and
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13 WHEREAS, GREGG IHA has shown excellence in leadership as an
14 educator in the DOE for thirty years. GREGG IHA earned his
15 Bachelor's Degree in Education and professional diploma in
16 Elementary Education from the University of Hawai'i College of
17 Education and began his early career at Nānāikapono Elementary
18 in Nānākuli on the Leeward coast of O'ahu; and
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20 WHEREAS, DEL ONAGA serves in the Windward District of O'ahu
21 and is a certified Career & Technical Education Teacher in
22 Industrial and Engineering Technology and the lead teacher for
23 the school's engineering academy. DEL ONAGA has taught at-risk
24 youth at Olomana School for seven years; and



1 WHEREAS, NAOMI SALAVERIA is a certified special education
2 and elementary education teacher at Liholiho Elementary School.
3 NAOMI SALAVERIA emphasizes the importance of promoting each
4 student's strength and confidence through a belief that
5 expectations should be clear and consistent, every child's
6 success should be celebrated, and that all students are capable
7 of growth; and

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9 WHEREAS, ERIKA KANEO, a national board certified elementary
10 teacher, works with second and third graders at Waiākeawaena
11 Elementary. ERIKA KANEO has established a foundation for
12 cultivating success in the classroom based on three principles:
13 Students learn best when they feel engaged, feel like they
14 belong, and are given the opportunity to succeed; and

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16 WHEREAS, FRANCINE HUGHES is a leader whose impact in the
17 Department of Education has led to progressive change for over
18 twenty years. FRANCINE HUGHES received her professional diploma
19 and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Hawaii
20 College of Education; and

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22 WHEREAS, AMANDA FRETTO received her certification in
23 special education as well as a Master's Degree in Educational
24 Psychology. AMANDA FRETTO has refined and maintained the
25 Unified Champions School Program and Team Unify through the
26 Special Olympics. AMANDA FRETTO's outreach and peer mentorship
27 via United Sound has afforded students with special needs with
28 performance experience through the medium of music; and

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30 WHEREAS, CRISTIN PRIOLO, certified special education and
31 elementary education teacher at SEEQS Public Charter School, is
32 a believer that students can find passion in an academic setting
33 when they are able to connect their knowledge of real-world
34 problems to their own personal experiences throughout life; now,
35 therefore,

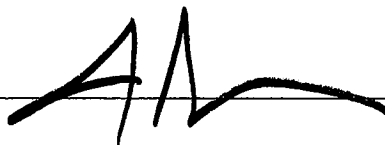
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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
39 of 2018, that this body hereby commends, congratulates, and
40 honors VANESSA CHING, GREGG IHA, DEL ONAGA, NAOMI SALAVERIA,
41 ERIKA KANEO, FRANCINE HUGHES, AMANDA FRETTO, and CRISTIN PRIOLO



1 for their outstanding accomplishments and much-deserved
2 recognition, and extends to them its sincere mahalo and best
3 wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

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OFFERED BY:

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