
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING KAHU CURTIS PA'ALUA KEKUNA FOR THIRTEEN YEARS OF
HONORABLE SERVICES TO KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH AND A LIFE DEDICATED
TO MINISTRY IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I.

1 WHEREAS, Kawaiaha'o Church, also known as "the Stone Church"
2 and the "Westminster Abbey of the Pacific", has served at the
3 forefront of Hawai'i's history, serving the royal family in the
4 days of the Kingdom of Hawai'i and offering spiritual leadership
5 and guidance to its people; and
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7 WHEREAS, as the mother church in the State of Hawai'i,
8 Kawaiaha'o has served as a place of refuge and prayer, hosting
9 the many who mourned after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl
10 Harbor; and
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12 WHEREAS, those in the position of Kahu, or shepherd, of
13 Kawaiaha'o church, have held great influence in Hawai'i's
14 history, such as Hiram Bingham, Akaiko Akana, and Abraham Akaka;
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17 WHEREAS, Kahu Curtis Pa'alua Kekuna answered the call to
18 service to this great church and was installed as senior pastor
19 on September 1, 2004; and
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21 WHEREAS, Kahu Curtis Pa'alua Kekuna, a 1973 graduate of
22 Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master's Degree in Youth
23 Ministry, founded the Hawai'i chapter of Young Life, a ministry
24 organization dedicated to introducing adolescents to Jesus
25 Christ and helping them grow in their faith; and
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27 WHEREAS, Kahu Curtis Pa'alua Kekuna also served the students
28 of Kamehameha Schools for over 30 years, beginning as an
29 intermediate dormitory advisor, and becoming a sports chaplain,
30 assistant campus chaplain at the Kapalama campus, and eventually



1 serving as senior chaplain at the Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i
2 campus; and
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4 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Kahu Curtis Pa'alua Kekuna
5 has touched countless lives of Hawai'i's people, teaching them to
6 love God, their neighbors, and to build honorable character; and
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8 WHEREAS, on August 27, 2017, after 13 years of serving the
9 congregation at Kawaiaha'o, Kahu Curtis Pa'alua Kekuna retired
10 honorably after over 50 years of service in the ministry both in
11 Hawai'i and across the globe; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2018, that this body hereby commends Kahu Curtis Pa'alua
16 Kekuna for his years of honorable service to Kawaiaha'o Church
17 and people of Hawai'i, and extends its sincerest aloha, warmest
18 mahalo and best wishes in all future endeavors.
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