
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 every endeavor; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest is inspired by former
6 Governor George Ariyoshi's book, "Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years,
7 The Next Fifty Years," which looks into our islands' history as
8 a state and prompts the next generation to think about what can
9 be done to keep Hawaii moving forward in the next century; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Plan, developed by Governor
12 Ariyoshi, contained a number of long-range policies regarding
13 Hawaii's future development, with the contribution of ideas from
14 many involved citizens being essential in the planning process;
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17 WHEREAS, this contest is intended to encourage our youth to
18 take ownership of their future, taking an active role in shaping
19 their communities by voicing their opinion on the direction the
20 State of Hawaii must take to make it the best place it can be,
21 showing others that their opinions matter and their voices are
22 being heard; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, sponsored by the
25 Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Future Caucus, and
26 the aio Foundation, asks the students of Hawaii: "What do you
27 think needs to happen in the next 50 years for Hawaii to be the
28 best place to work and live?"; and
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30 WHEREAS, over 500 students from grades four to twelve sent
31 submissions to the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, touching on topics
32 such as the importance of self-sustainability, including being
33 energy, agriculturally, and industrially independent; improving



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1 the quality of our State's education system; and preserving all
 2 that contributes to our State's uniqueness, such as our native
 3 culture, language, flora, and fauna; and
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5 WHEREAS, the submissions of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest
 6 winners, Dallas Kuba of Manoa Elementary, Teyshaun Rosales of
 7 Lanakila Elementary, Lindsey Millerd and Bryson Manuel of
 8 Waipahu Intermediate School, and Kiani Nishimoto and Kaydee
 9 Rapozo of Waiakea High School, best embody the spirit of the
 10 Hawaii: Next 50 Contest in proposing solutions to the problems
 11 that Hawaii faces today and imagining a path for Hawaii's future
 12 in the next 50 years; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 15 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 16 Session of 2015, that this body hereby congratulates the winners
 17 of the Hawaii: Next 50 Contest, and expresses to them its deep
 18 appreciation for coming up with creative solutions to keep
 19 Hawaii moving forward and make it the best place to live and
 20 work for the next 50 years and beyond.
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