
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO NAME THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
WORK AFTER MR. MYRON "PINKY" THOMPSON.

1 WHEREAS, Myron "Pinky" Thompson was a co-founder of Alu
2 Like, Inc. and Papa Ola Lokahi, the native Hawaiian healthcare
3 system that serves more than one hundred thousand native
4 Hawaiians today; and

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6 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson earned a master's degree in social
7 work from the University of Hawaii and served as chief of staff
8 for Governor John A. Burns; and

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10 WHEREAS, he also served as the first director of the
11 State's Land Use Commission and as the Director of Social
12 Services and Housing earned a national reputation fighting for
13 welfare funds and benefits for Hawaii; and

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15 WHEREAS, as a trustee of the Bishop Estate from 1974 to
16 1994, he developed early childhood programs and worked to ensure
17 the trust accurately represented the interests of the Native
18 Hawaiian community and provided economic stability and a broad-
19 based life-long learning orientation for its beneficiaries; and

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21 WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1967, Mr. Thompson served as
22 Executive Director of the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center,
23 a private social service agency dedicated to the health,
24 education, and welfare of destitute children in Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, his vision and dedication became the catalyst for
27 the establishment of a generation of far-reaching federal
28 legislation, including the Native Hawaiian Education Act, the
29 Native Hawaiian Vocational Education and Employment Initiatives,
30 the Native Hawaiian Health Care program, and the Native Hawaiian
31 apology resolution, signed into law by President Clinton in
32 1993; and



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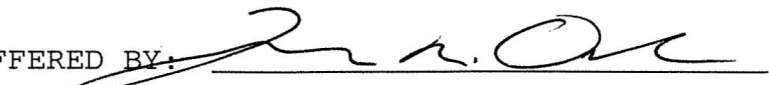
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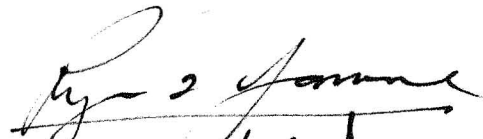
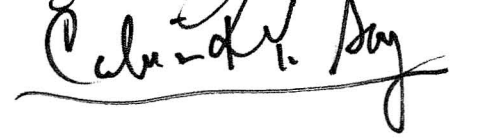
WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson served as President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society from 1979 to 2001 and helped to launch the Hokulea, which became the catalyst for the native Hawaiian renaissance; and

WHEREAS, his vision and passion has created a sense of identity and hope for future generations in Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is requested to name the School of Social Work after Mr. Myron "Pinky" Thompson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY: 

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