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## HOUSE 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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34           WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson served as President of the Polynesian  
35 Voyaging Society from 1979 to 2001 and helped to launch the



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1 Hokulea, which became the catalyst for the native Hawaiian  
2 renaissance; and

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

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

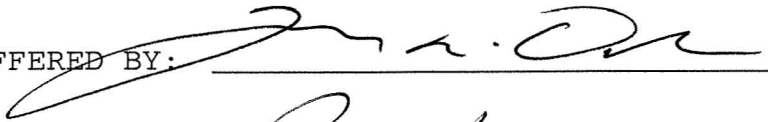
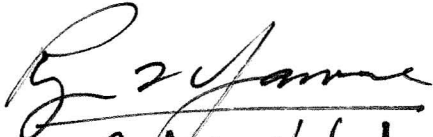
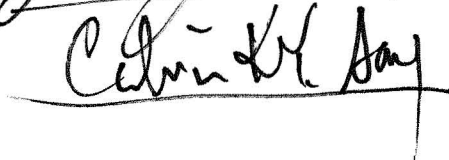
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the  
16 University of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of  
17 Regents of the University of Hawaii.

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