
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS OF THE LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2007 DIVISION I HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, school athletics has provided Hawaii's youth with
2 a countless array of rewarding, challenging, and enjoyable
3 opportunities that allow students to continually test their
4 physical and mental skills in active competition; and
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6 WHEREAS, the close-knit community of Wahiawa began the 2007
7 football season with the belief that the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL
8 MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM -- consisting of: head coach Nolan
9 Tokuda; assistant coaches Jon Acohido, Jake Kawamata, Pat San
10 Nicholas, Esmond Kilaulani, Tui Alailima, Antonio Brown, Ed
11 Kama, Mark Kurisu, Darrin Matsumiya, Jon Morikawa, Len Nakasone,
12 Burt Souza, Richard Townsend, Al Vilorio, and Joe Watts;
13 athletic trainers Michelle Harrington, Lenny Baum, Lauren Maeda,
14 and Brittany Kaleo-Castillo; team physicians Joan Delto, Maxine
15 Karimoto, Kris Lindshield, and Kazu Hernandez; managers Tiff
16 Honda, Jodene Miram, Kiana Surell, Jeon Santos, Taylor Souza,
17 Joy Wong, and Shy Billedo; equipment managers Mathew Smithe,
18 Kevin Tosaka, and Wesley Ochori; statisticians Sheryl Higa,
19 Kristie Sasamura, Pam Dumlao, and Ronya Honda; ball boys Jarrin
20 Morikawa, Angelito Sambrano, and Albert Talaroc; video crew
21 Duriza Capps, Ferdinand Navarro, Krystina Navarro, Jennine
22 Tosaka, and Deena Yoneda; principal Aloha Coleman; former
23 principal Norman Minehira; vice principals Malaea Wetzel, Garrett
24 Yukumoto, and Bob Davis; athletic director James Toyota;
25 assistant athletic director Nate Higa; dean of students Brian
26 Fukuda; players Robert Siavii, Hoku Kama, Garrison Garma, Micah
27 Cruz, Allan Macam, Zaire Macapagal, Andrew Manley, Edieson
28 Dumlao, Kaipo DeRego, Kaipo Kea, Marcus Breakfield, Chase
29 Acohido, Bronson Pausa, Peter DeSaulniers, Sean Kenigton, Rico
30 Newman, Garrett Maki, Joedee Taua, Ire Macapagal, Allan DeGuzman-



1 Pacheco, Brendan Mahuka, Art Laurel, Rick Jones, Josh Cruz,
2 Jaydon Cuesta, Christian Collado, Keala Pascua, Brad Iaulualo,
3 Greg Tialavea, Stanford Salavea, Maunaloa Aitaoto, Kawika Fuga,
4 Alii Tuitoelau, Kalua Ellis, Chris Atualevao, Gerald O'Reilly,
5 Melchor Moises, Kyle Ontiveros, Genesis Ponce, Raymond
6 Cartwright, Haani Aitaoto, Josh Quinn, Bronson Smithe, Tavana
7 Alailima, Ryan DeSaulniers, Jordan Jenks, Charles Robinson, Noel
8 Cabato, Blaine Edra, Nate Hall, Elijah Manaea, Ronald Santos,
9 Joe Ruane, Jermaine Schuster, Kaumu Delos Santos, Sione Sami,
10 Jeremy Suguitan, Kamana Akagi, Nate Schuster, Alex Ruiz, and
11 Jiniki Timoteo -- could match the accomplishments of the
12 legendary 1984 Leilehua football team that became Prep Bowl
13 champions; and
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15 WHEREAS, despite not knowing what to expect during the 2007
16 season, the sixty-one young men who joined the varsity team
17 worked extremely hard under the expert tutelage of their
18 coaching staff to pursue a common objective -- to become
19 champions -- and together they persevered by exemplifying hard
20 work, dedication, sacrifice, humility, and teamwork to achieve
21 their goal; and
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23 WHEREAS, "BELIEVING" was paramount to the success of the
24 LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM during the 2007
25 season; and
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27 WHEREAS, after defeating Kailua by the score of 6-3, and
28 Radford by the score of 41-0 in their first two season games,
29 the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM fell on
30 hard times in which the team suffered loses to Punahou by the
31 score of 19-28 and Mililani by the score of 14-16; and
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33 WHEREAS, it became a rollercoaster of a season for the next
34 few weeks as the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL
35 TEAM secured a win over Wai'anae by the score of 8-0, followed
36 by a loss to Kapolei by the score of 0-20; and
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38 WHEREAS, the Kapolei game was followed by a win over Aiea
39 by the score of 21-6, and a loss to Campbell by the score of 21-
40 22; and



1 WHEREAS, the loss to Campbell would be the last loss of the
2 season for the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM,
3 as the team finished off the regular season by defeating Castle
4 by the score of 36-13, and Mililani by the score of 27-21, to
5 finish off the regular season with a record of 6-4; and
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7 WHEREAS, momentum from winning their last two regular
8 season games propelled the team through the playoffs as they
9 prevailed in three straight playoff victories against Farrington
10 by the score of 7-3, Wai'anae by the score of 12-3, and Baldwin
11 by the score of 41-34 leading the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES
12 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM to the State championship game; and
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14 WHEREAS, on November 30, 2007, the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL
15 MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM demonstrated the essence of *Carpe*
16 *Diem* by putting all of their hopes and aspirations into the
17 final, heart-pounding 6 minutes and 13 seconds of regulation in
18 the State championship game to come from behind and dethrone
19 perennial Interscholastic League of Honolulu powerhouse Saint
20 Louis Crusaders by the score of 20-16, to win the 2007 Division
21 I Hawaii High School Athletic Association State Football
22 Championship; and
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24 WHEREAS, the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL
25 TEAM has demonstrated that any dream, any goal, no matter how
26 big, no matter how difficult, can be obtained through hard work,
27 discipline, sacrifice, humility, and the steadfast belief in
28 oneself and ones teammates; and
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30 WHEREAS, the heroic efforts of the LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL
31 MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM to overcome adversity with courage
32 and humility, despite the limitations that existed have made the
33 team a source of great pride not only for the Wahiawa community
34 but for the entire State of Hawaii; now therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
37 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
38 Session of 2008, that this body hereby recognizes and
39 congratulates the outstanding members of the LEILEHUA HIGH
40 SCHOOL MULES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM on winning the 2007 Division
41 I Hawaii High School Athletic Association State Football



- 1 Championship, applauds their commitment and enthusiasm, and
- 2 extends to each member its warmest aloha and best wishes for
- 3 continued success in all future endeavors.

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