Resolution

No. _____

CONGRATULATING HĀLAU KEKUAOKALĀ`AU`ALA`ILIAHI
FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 40TH ANNUAL
QUEEN LILI`UOKALANI KEIKI HULA COMPETITION

WHEREAS, performing under the direction of Na Kumu Hula Haunani and `Iliahi Paredes, the haumana of Wailuku-based Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi captured top honors at the 40th Annual Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition held in July 2015 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi, for the second consecutive year, took home the Overall Keiki Kane division title by winning first place in both the kahiko and auana divisions; and

WHEREAS, for kahiko, the keiki kane performed "`Auhea `Oe e Maui o Papa," a chant composed in honor of King David Kalakaua's 50th birthday, a time of the royal jubilee of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1886; and

WHEREAS, for auana, the keiki kane performed "Ka`aahi Kahului," a mele recognizing the first passenger steam train in Hawaii Kalakaua approved by law that ran from Kahului to Wailuku; and

WHEREAS, 10-year-old Faith Lynn Kealohapau`ole Paredes, who attends Kamehameha Schools Maui, captured the Miss Keiki Hula title with her performance of the mele "Ka Beauty," a song that expresses a special love grandchildren have for their grandparents, which was composed in memory of Faith's great-grandmother Petra Paredes; and

WHEREAS, 12-year-old Kevin Inoalani Aloiau, Jr., who attends Iao Intermediate School, captured the Master Keiki Hula title with his performance of "A Kona Hema `O Ka Lani," a song in honor of Kalakaua, with a setting in Kona where Kevin has family ties; and

WHEREAS, the halau's kaikimahine were also recognized for their beautiful performances and earned second place in both the kahiko and auana divisions; and

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WHEREAS, the exceptional performances, dedication, and determination of the students of Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi have brought much pride and honor to the people of the County of Maui; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby congratulates Hālau Kekuaokalā`au`ala`iliahi for its achievements at the 40th Annual Queen Lili`uokalani Keiki Hula Competition; and

2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Na Kumu Hula Haunani and `Iliahi Paredes, Faith Lynn Kealohapau`ole Paredes, and Kevin Inoalani Aloiau, Jr.

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