

Resolution

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EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO COUNCILMEMBER DON COUCH

WHEREAS, Councilmember Don Couch will be leaving office on January 2, 2017, having served on the Council from the South Maui residency area for three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Couch was born to Donald G. and Maryann Couch and raised in Lakewood, California; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Lakewood High School, Councilmember Couch went to attend Boise State University; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Couch served in Mayor Alan M. Arakawa's first administration from 2003 to 2007, first as an Executive Assistant in the Office of the Mayor for three years and then as the Deputy Planning Director for one year; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Couch has dedicated more than 25 years of service as an involved member of the Maui County community and volunteered for many organizations, including AKAKU: Maui Community Television, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, County of Maui Board of Ethics, Hoaloha Aina South Maui Volunteers, Hui Na Pookela Canoe Club, Kihei Community Association, Rotary Club of Kihei Sunrise, and Tri-Isle RC&D; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in office, Councilmember Couch served as Chair of the Planning Committee throughout all three terms, as Vice-Chair of the General Plan Committee during his first term, and as Vice-Chair of the Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees during his two other terms; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Couch has also served as a member of the inaugural Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board; and

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WHEREAS, during the current term, Councilmember Couch led passage of the new Lanai Community Plan by the Planning Committee and the full Council; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Planning Committee has produced numerous pieces of legislation, including ordinances to update the requirements and permitting procedures for Short-Term Rental Homes, to revise the County's land use and development standards for numerous zoning districts, and to approve the Maui Island Plan's implementation program; and

WHEREAS, his Planning Committee this term also convened a Temporary Investigative Group, which produced numerous ideas for increasing the County's housing inventory; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Couch's dedication to public service and tireless efforts have helped to improve the lives of our citizens now and for generations to come; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Councilmember Don Couch for his leadership and dedicated service on the Maui County Council, and for his outstanding public service to the people of the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Councilmember Don Couch and his wife, Leslie Couch; his mother, Maryann Couch; his siblings, Mike Couch, Norah Couch, Eric Couch, and Lori Greenhalgh; the Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee; the Hawaii Council of Mayors; the County's delegation to the State Legislature; the State of Hawaii's delegation to the United States Congress; the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; and the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii.