Resolution

No. 24–185

CONGRATULATING THE 2024 CENTRAL EAST MAUI MAJOR ALL-STARS FOR WINNING THE HAWAI'I STATE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL DIVISION WEST REGION CHAMPIONSHIP AND ADVANCING TO THE UNITED STATES SEMIFINALS IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars, a Wailuku-based team of 11- and 12-year-olds, participated in the 2024 International Tournament for the Little League Baseball Major Division; and

WHEREAS, after claiming the district title on Maui with an undefeated record, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars headed to the State championships held on O'ahu from July 17 to 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars bested teams from Hilo, Honolulu, Kāne'ohe, and Waipi'o, and cinched the State championship with a remarkable 8-2, double-header win over Kāne'ohe; and

WHEREAS, as State champions, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars advanced to the West Region tournament in San Bernardino, California, from August 4 to 9, 2024, where they captured the West Region title, powering over teams representing Northern California and Arizona, including a 2-1 victory over Southern California in the title game; and

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars then represented the State and the entire West Region in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, from August 14 to 25, 2024, as only the sixteenth league from Hawai'i to participate in the Series since first being held in 1947; and

WHEREAS, the performance of the Central East Maui Major All-Stars garnered national news coverage as they went on to the United States Little League World Series semifinals, where they finished fourth in the country; and WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars team consists of players Brextyn Hong, Cam Kaneshiro, Gabriel Laloulu, Kamalei Leynes-Santos, Kolten Magno, Eassie Kaiehu Miller, Kanon Nakama, Gauge Pacheco, Jet Pontes, Hayden Takahashi, Kellen Takamura, Evan Tavares, and Matthew Yang; coaches Kevin Constantino and Ian Shimabuku; manager Daniel Bolduc; and team mom Curstyn Pacheco; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional team spirit, hard work, discipline, and perseverance of the Central East Maui Major All-Stars have brought 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 congratulates the 2024 Central East Maui Major All-Stars for winning the Hawai'i State Little League Baseball Division West Region championship and advancing to the United States semifinals in the Little League World Series; and
- 2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Central East Maui Major All-Stars players, coaches, manager, and team mom; the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

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