

Resolution

No. 26-6

CONGRATULATING WEHIWA ALOY FOR
WINNING THE 2025 GOLDEN SPIKES AWARD
AND THE 2025 BOBBY BRAGAN NATIONAL
COLLEGIATE SLUGGER AWARD

WHEREAS, Wailuku native and 2022 Baldwin High School graduate Wehiwa Kapahulehua Aloy, a shortstop for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, received the 2025 Golden Spikes Award as the nation's top amateur baseball player and the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award as the best hitter in Division I baseball; and

WHEREAS, the 47th annual Golden Spikes Award—based on athletic excellence, sportsmanship, character, and overall contribution to the sport—was presented by USA Baseball on June 21, 2025, to Wehiwa, as the first recipient from outside the Continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Wehiwa received the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award on July 3, 2025, from SR Bats, which recognized him as the nation's top college hitter based on his batting performance, academics, leadership, sportsmanship, and personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, Wehiwa was also named 2025 SEC Baseball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Wehiwa led the Razorbacks in nearly every major offensive category, including:

- slugging percentage (.673),
- on-base-plus-slugging percentage (1.107),
- hits (93),
- runs (81),
- doubles (19),
- home runs (21),

- extra-base hits (42),
- multi-hit games (30), and
- total bases (179); and

WHEREAS, Wehiwa started all 65 games last season at shortstop and displayed exceptional defensive and offensive excellence, capping the season by leading the Razorbacks to the Men's College World Series semifinals and becoming the first Arkansas shortstop to ever hit a home run during the Series; and

WHEREAS, Wehiwa was recognized as an All-American by four major publications, affirming his standing among the nation's elite collegiate athletes; and

WHEREAS, Wehiwa credits his younger brother, Kuhio Aloy, a 2023 Baldwin High School graduate and an award-winning, star player for the Razorbacks in his own right, with helping to push him to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, to follow his remarkable collegiate career, Wehiwa signed a professional baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles after being drafted in the first round on July 13, 2025, marking the start of the next chapter of his journey; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the County of Maui takes this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Wehiwa Aloy for his extraordinary dedication, discipline, and perseverance and for serving as an exemplary role model for the student-athletes of Maui County and the State of Hawai'i; now, therefore,

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

1. That it congratulates Wehiwa Aloy for winning the 2025 Golden Spikes Award and the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Wehiwa Aloy; his parents, Jamie and Napua Aloy; his brother, Kuhio Aloy; Hunter Yurachek, Vice Chancellor and Director of

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Athletics, University of Arkansas; Paul Seiler, Executive Director/CEO, USA Baseball; Tracy Taylor, Executive Director, Bobby Bragan Collegiate Slugger Award; the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i; Keoni Wilhelm, Principal, H.P. Baldwin High School; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

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