

Resolution

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CONGRATULATING KURT SUZUKI OF THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS FOR WINNING THE 2019 WORLD SERIES

WHEREAS, Kurt Kiyoshi Suzuki, a professional baseball player from Maui County, helped lead the Washington Nationals to victory in the 2019 World Series; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki, nicknamed “Kurt Klutch” for making big plays in big moments, hit a 381-foot go-ahead solo home run in the seventh inning of Game 2, making him the first Hawaii-born player to hit a home run in the World Series; and

WHEREAS, Washington clinched the title with a 6-2 victory over the Houston Astros in Game 7 of the World Series on October 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki graduated from Henry Perrine Baldwin High School in 2001, where he starred on the Bear’s varsity baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki attended California State University, Fullerton, and was a part of the Titans’ College World Series championship team in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki won the Johnny Bench Award as the country’s top collegiate catcher following the 2004 season; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the second round of the 2004 draft, and made his major league debut on June 12, 2007, in a game against the Houston Astros; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki has played for the Oakland Athletics, Washington Nationals, Minnesota Twins, and Atlanta Braves throughout his storied Major League Baseball Career; and

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WHEREAS, Suzuki established the Kurt Suzuki Family Foundation to support the scientific research of chronic illnesses as well as encourage healthy lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki and his Family Foundation have partnered with ALL PONO Sports to conduct the Kurt Suzuki ALL PONO Baseball Clinic, inspiring the keiki of Maui by teaching them baseball mechanics, hard work, dedication, and the values of being a team player; and

WHEREAS, Suzuki's professionalism, determination, and humility 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 hereby congratulates Kurt Suzuki of the Washington Nationals for winning the 2019 World Series; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Kurt Suzuki; his parents, Warren and Kathleen Suzuki; his sister, Keri Ann Kelley; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.