

Resolution

No. 23-104

CONGRATULATING THE FOUR WRESTLERS
FROM THE MAUI INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
FOR WINNING GOLD AT THE 2023
TEXACO/HHSAA STATE WRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, Mikah Labuanan of Kamehameha Schools Maui and Naomi Kulukulualani-Sales, Keawe Kane-Keahi, and Kivah Caballero of Lahainaluna High School captured gold medals in their respective weight classes at the 2023 Texaco/HHSAA State Wrestling Championship tournament on February 24-25, 2023, at the George Q. Cannon Activities Center in Laie, Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding student-athletes represented Maui County at the State tournament after winning the Maui Interscholastic League Championship tournament on February 18, 2023, at Maui High School; and

WHEREAS, MIL Champion Mikah Labuanan entered the State tournament as the No. 2 seed in the Boys 132 weight class and had a 5-4 victory over the No. 1 seed in the State championship match; and

WHEREAS, after winning the State championship last season, Mikah Labuanan has become the first wrestler to win two consecutive State titles in the history of Kamehameha Schools Maui; and

WHEREAS, MIL Champion Naomi Kulukulualani-Sales entered the State tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated the No. 2 seed by fall 1 minute and 33 seconds into the second period of the State championship match; and

WHEREAS, MIL Champion Keawe Kane-Keahi entered the State tournament as the No. 1 seed and had a 3-2 victory over the No. 2 seed in the State championship match; and

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WHEREAS, MIL Champion Kivah Caballero entered the State tournament as the No. 2 seed and scored a two-point takedown in the final seconds of the State championship match to win 5-4 over the No. 1 seed, claiming the Girls 122 weight class title win; and

WHEREAS, with the support and guidance of their dedicated coaches—Michael Labuanan of Kamehameha Schools Maui, and Zane Monteleone of Lahainaluna High School—these champions have attained glory and excellence in wrestling through commitment and hard work; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance, dedication, and spirit of these phenomenal student-athletes bring great pride and honor to their ‘ohana, their schools, and the people of the County of Maui; now, therefore,

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

1. That it congratulates Mikah Labuanan of Kamehameha Schools Maui and Naiomi Kulukulualani-Sales, Keawe Kane-Keahi, and Kivah Caballero of Lahainaluna High School for winning gold at the 2023 Texaco/HHSAA State Wrestling Championship; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mikah Labuanan of Kamehameha Schools Maui; Naiomi Kulukulualani, Keawe Kane-Keahi, and Kivah Caballero of Lahainaluna High School; Michael Labuanan, Wrestling Coach, Kamehameha Schools Maui; Zane Monteleone, Wrestling Coach, Lahainaluna High School; Kaleo Pahukula, Principal, Kamehameha Schools Maui; Richard Carosso, Principal, Lahainaluna High School; Rebecca Winkie, Superintendent, Hāna-Lahainaluna-Lāna‘i-Molokai-Maui Complex Area, Department of Education; Joseph Balangitao, Jr., Executive Director, Maui Interscholastic League; Christopher Chun, Executive Director, Hawaii High School Athletic Association; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

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