Resolution

CONGRATULATING THE 2019 CENTRAL EAST MAUI MAJOR ALL-STARS FOR WINNING THE HAWAII STATE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AND FINISHING TOP FIVE 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 2019 International Tournament for the Little League Baseball Major Division; and

WHEREAS, after claiming the district title on Maui, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars advanced to the State championships on the Island of Hawaii from July 19 to 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars claimed the State championship with a dramatic, come-from-behind 8-5 win over Honolulu on July 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars then went on to represent Hawaii at the West Region tournament in San Bernardino, California, from August 4 to 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars went 4-0 at the West Region tournament, defeating teams representing Southern California, Northern California, and Arizona twice, including a 4-1 victory in the title game, to win the West Region championship and advance to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, from August 15 to 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the performance of the Central East Maui Major All-Stars earned the team widespread admiration in games that were covered on national television and by international media, as they advanced all the way to the national championship game on August 24, 2019, eventually finishing fourth in the Little League World Series; and

WHEREAS, the Central East Maui Major All-Stars team consists of players Kamaha'o Akima, Duke Aloy, Caleb Chai, Shiloh Gilliland,

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Bransyn Hong, Isaac Imamura, Nakea Kahalehau, Logan Kuloloia, Kaleb Mathias, Kaedyn Miyake-Matsubayashi, Nicholas Nashiwa, Jaren Pascual, and Marley Sebastian; coaches Branden Arakawa and Randy Nakashima; and manager Bradford Lung; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional performance, dedication, and team spirit 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 hereby congratulates the Central East Maui Major All-Stars for winning the 2019 Hawaii State Little League Baseball Division, West Region championships, and for finishing top five 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, and manager; the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Josh Green, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaii; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

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