

MINUTES

of the

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

August 23, 2011

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011, BEGINNING AT 9:13 A.M., WITH CHAIR DENNIS A. MATEO PRESIDING.

CHAIR MATEO: Council of the County of Maui, regular meeting of August 23, 2011 will come to order.

Mr. Clerk, may I have the roll call please.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS GLADYS C. BAISA, ROBERT CARROLL, ELEANORA COCHRAN, DONALD G. COUCH JR., G. RIKI HOKAMA, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, MICHAEL B. WHITE, VICE-CHAIR JOSEPH PONTANILLA, AND CHAIR DENNIS A. MATEO.

EXCUSED: NONE.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK LANCE TAGUCHI: Chairman, there are nine Members present. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Members, this morning we are, we're privileged to have the Member from Upcountry provide the opening remarks for us.

Ms. Baisa.

OPENING REMARKS

The opening remarks were offered by Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Members of the Council, and others in attendance, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you very much, Ms. Baisa, again, for sharing your words and reminding us of the importance of service. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Chairman, proceeding with testimony on ceremonial resolutions. We have received no requests from individuals who wish to offer testimony on the ceremonial resolutions. Shall we proceed?

CHAIR MATEO: Proceed.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Chairman, proceeding with the ceremonial resolution.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
NO. 11-80

CONGRATULATING THE MAUI PREPARATORY
ACADEMY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM FOR
WINNING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEWIDE
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE THAT THE PROPOSED RESOLU, RESOLUTION
ENTITLED "CONGRATULATING THE MAUI PREPARATORY
ACADEMY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM FOR WINNING THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEWIDE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
TOURNAMENT" BE ADOPTED.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA:

MR. CHAIR, I SECOND THE MOTION.

CHAIR MATEO: It's been moved by Ms. Cochran and second by Ms. Baisa to adopt the resolution.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And Chair, may I, I would like to request that the resolution be read in its entirety please.

CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Clerk.

(The resolution was read in its entirety.)

CHAIR MATEO: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

Well, that's quite a lineup of accomplishments. And I just want to say, you know, it, it pays off with a lot of hard work and dedication on behalf of not just the students themselves, but you know kudos and praises to of course the teachers, coaches and especially the parents.

And you know I look at this list and I know some of these children before they were even born and here they are, you know, growing up. And, and I, it gives me really great confidence that we're going to, we're in for a really bright future with the youth excelling at such a young age. So, I, you know, just can't say enough and, and sing the praises of this school and you know, their Principal Baker for having vision and foresight to really implement this outside of the box type of schooling and curriculum because it, it shows.

And, again, I just want to really thank the, everyone who's involved and guiding our youth to excel again at such a young age because in turn they will become just very, very successful adults and productive members of our society and community. I just want to say that and without further ado I definitely want to put the, focus the, the light and, and shine upon the students themselves and coaches and teacher.

Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Ms. Cochran. Members, further discussion?

Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I just want to say congratulations to again the parents and the kids and the teachers. It's not often you get to see a lot of people who, this number of people who are interested in science. And science is one of the, one of the fields that we really need more and more people to, to be interested in so I want to congratulate these folks and, and, for a job well done. Thank you.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Couch.

Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I'll be brief. I totally agree with the remarks of my colleagues but I did want to say that, you know, this is the second time that they've done this and I think that's very notable. And also, we're going to challenge them that we'll be back here next year winning this one more time so imua to all of the people involved and my congratulations to everyone.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Ms. Baisa.

Mr. Pon, Mr. Pontanilla, followed by Mr. Victorino.

VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. I, I too would like to share my congratulations to the team, also to the coaches and the parents, plus the teachers of that school. I can remember when they were in these chambers when we approved the site for the Maui Prep Academy and that was maybe what three, four years ago. And, and, you know, in a short time, two consecutive years, Olympiad winners for the State of Hawaii, you know, that's great. So congratulations.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Pontanilla.

Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you and I want to also echo the same sentiments as my colleagues and congratulate the students and their coaches and parents for their success and the second year repeat, and we hope to have a three-peat. That's, that's what we'd like to see a three-peat.

I've had the opportunity to attend at Maui Community College these competitions and I'm extremely confident, just like Ms. Cochran was saying earlier, that the young people, we're in good hands because not only Maui Prep but many other middle schools from Maui County participate and it is just astonishing watching these young people put these efforts together.

The disease one, you know, to track down a disease, I was, I walked through that with one, one of the groups, my god I was lost after about the first two, two items, and these kids just tracked along and were able to find it. The bottle rockets, man that was a lot of fun watching bottle rockets. I remember as a kid doing that, but that was not the way they did it.

You know, but these young people, especially from this small school, like they said have achieved a great deal. So, when they come back next year with the three-peat, we will honor them even in a bigger and better manner. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Members, further discussion? All those in favor of the motion to adopt the resolution entitled "CONGRATULATING THE MAUI PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM FOR WINNING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEWIDE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT", signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS BAISA, CARROLL,
COCHRAN, COUCH, HOKAMA, VICTORINO,
WHITE, VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA AND
CHAIR MATEO.

CHAIR MATEO: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR MATEO: Motion is carried with nine "ayes".

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. If it's alright at this time, with the Members and yourself Chair, I would like to invite the team and the coaches to join us at the podium to say a few words and congratulations.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank, thank you, Ms. Cochran. Will, will the, the team please come down to the podium, join us on the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And Chair, I want to give the resolution here to Principal George Baker, for an outstanding school. Thank you, Mr. Baker.

MR. GEORGE BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. We as a school are very proud of our students as they've gone through the process of preparing for not only the regional competition but also the State competition and then representing the, the State in the National competition.

The first year the competition did take place it was the University of Illinois and this past year it was the University of Wisconsin. You need to know that in a school, a middle school of 36 students, we had 13 students that were involved in the team. And as we look at that, we, we competed against teams that their teams were larger than our entire school of over 200. And so our, our kids did a great job. We placed pretty much in the middle of the pack, so in, in the thirties in nationally, in, in, in the National competition.

But these kids did over three hours per day on average in preparation for these, this competition. They've done a terrific job and I want to thank Carrie DeMott who has led the charge in this; Chris Border, who is a high school physics and chemistry teacher is not here; and Krishna Narayan who is one of our parents who also was inspirational to the team because they did a fantastic job. So thank you.

MS. CARRIE DEMOTT: I'm Carrie DeMott, and I would definitely like to thank the County of Maui for supporting the Science Olympiad. I moved here about four and a half years ago and had come from a state that had Science Olympiad. And it wasn't here on Maui and we were flying the kids all the way over to Oahu for just the regional and then State's when we first started a few years ago.

So having the support of the Council here on Maui and at Maui College has been really great. And the whole motive of Science Olympiad is to get kids involved in science so that we have a brighter future and it's, just makes me really proud to see these kids excel. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, and yes, it is quite a proud moment, and, and wonderful to have our West Maui being represented and recognized. So thank you, Chair and Members for this opportunity. Mahalo.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you very much, Ms. Cochran.

Mr. Clerk, proceed.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: For the record RESOLUTION NO. 11-80.

RESOLUTION
NO. 11-81

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
THE LATE RICHARD I. C. "PABLO" CALDITO, SR.

CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Pontanilla.

VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chairman.

I MOVE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION "EXTENDING
CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE
RICHARD I. C. 'PABLO' CALDITO, SR."

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO:

MR. CHAIR, I SECOND THE MOTION.

CHAIR MATEO: It's been moved by Mr. Pontanilla and second by Mr. Victorino to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Pontanilla.

VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, at this time can I have the County Clerk read the resolution in its entirety.

CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Clerk, please.

(The resolution was read in its entirety.)

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Pontanilla.

VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chairman.

You know, it is my privilege to bring this resolution forward to this Council and, you know, the last whereas, you know, the people of County of Maui have benefitted from this great community leader, a man whose life is, whose life is worth, worthy and those are really true words.

You know, Mr. Chairman, you and I are Filipino descent and, you know, it's really proud to see that Mr. Caldito was the first Filipino-American that was ever elected in an office throughout the United States. And, you know, I'm proud to, to say Mr. Caldito, you know the wonderful work that he had done for this community.

You know, when I ran for public office, they were telling me there's three people to go see and guess what, Mr. Pablo Caldito was one of them. You know, I've known the family for a number of years, you know, I've helped Richard Jr., during his time of election to the State House way back when.

And you know, Mr. Caldito has been a real supporter of mine. I remember he telling me this, you know, sorry, you know, I can't help you during the primary but if you get past the primary, truly will support you and, and he did just that. And I respect the man for that. You know, he's true to his heart, true to his family. So Mr. Chairman, and I ask all of the Members along with you to support this resolution. Thank you.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Pontanilla. Members, further discussion?

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, if you would allow me a few comments please at this time. I would like to maybe give a different perspective of Tata Caldito. I was very fortunate, I grew up in a very political, very union family and I was fortunate enough to see a lot of the people who ran for office roam in and out of my family home.

But one thing I can tell you that, with Richard 'Pablo' Caldito Sr., one thing that I do remember about him is that he understood his place in that time of moment in our history, County's history. He was a pioneer.

It took courage to run in that atmosphere because for those of us that remember the, the so-called praise the "Big Five" that ran this State of Hawaii through its interlocking directorates, whether it be through the hospital system, the school system, transportation system, the financial system, it took a lot of courage to run especially as a Democrat in the early fifties.

And, you know, Mr. Caldito was one that was able to go through life in, with grace and with dignity, something that I hope we all can emulate. One of the things that I have learned from people like him and through his peers at that time, whether it be a Marco Meyer, a Joe Bulgo, a Barney Tokunaga, the Eddie Tam's, they understood the importance of working together. And while they had disagreements, one thing stood out foremost in my mind of the caliber of those gentlemen and those ladies that represented us and that was a person's word, a person's handshake meant a lot.