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Aloha,

Although the Capitol has quieted down with the end of the 2009 legislative session, my staff and I have been keeping busy with an early start of preparation for the 2010 session: researching future legislation; improving office efficiency and employing more environmentally friendly office practices.

On a community note, the month of June means the end of the school year for many students in Mililani, and I had the great pleasure of attending the end of year ceremonies for Kipapa, Mililani Mauka, Mililani Ike, Mililani Waena, Mililani Uka and Kanoelani Elementary schools. I presented certificates of congratulations and U.S. Savings Bonds to twelve special students at each of the schools.

Community comments and suggestions are always welcome. I am dedicated to serve you in any possible way. Please feel free to visit me at my office or contact me by phone, fax, or email. Thank you for your continued support.

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,  
*Michelle Kidani*



Congratulating fifth grader Alika Schumacher on behalf of the State Senate for fulfilling Mililani Uka Elementary School's criteria of "Good Citizenship".



Presenting Kailey Kurashige with a congratulatory certificate for being a good leader and an excellent role model for her peers.



Presenting Kipapa Elementary School students Teya Nakashima and Leonard Vargas Jr. with certificates on behalf of the Hawaii Senate. Teya was recognized as a dependable student with a positive attitude for learning. Leonard was recognized for being conscientious student who did an amazing job as a Student Council representative. The students also received \$50 US Savings bonds from Senator Kidani.



Congratulating Matthew Kikuyama at Mililani Waena's assembly for being an outstanding citizen and his willingness to help others and contribute to many of the school's programs.

## CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

### MILILANI INLINE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



Senator Kidani presented the Mililani InLine Hockey Association with a Senate Certificate of Congratulations for hosting the 2009 USA Hockey Inline Summer Showdown from June 12-14, 2009. (L-R): Department of Parks and Recreation Director Lester Chang, Councilman Donovan Delacruz, Mililani InLine Hockey Association (MIHA) League Treasurer Phyllis Nakasone, Councilmember Nestor Garcia, MIHA President Michael Barros and Senator Michelle Kidani.

The Mililani InLine Hockey Association recently hosted the 2009 USA Hockey Inline Summer Showdown from June 12 to 14, 2009. Nearly 200 youth inline hockey players from Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island converged at Kaoma'aiku Neighborhood Park in Mililani for fun competition and to determine Hawaii's best inline hockey teams.

By the end of the weekend tournament, The Mililani InLine Hockey Association came out on top, nearly sweeping the tournament by capturing 4 of the 6 Division Championships.

Mililani InLine Association won the 18U (5th straight year), 16U, 10U and 8U Divisions. The 14U went to Oahu InLine Hockey League (East Oahu), and the 12U Division went to Kauai. The winning teams now have the opportunity to compete on the Mainland for the Western Region Championships.

Congratulations and best wishes to the MIHA for their continued success!

### MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

Job well done to the Mililani High School Science Olympiad team for their excellent performance at the 25th Annual National Science Olympiad Tournament! The young Mililani High School scientists and their coaches, Nampthip Sitachitta and Vanessa Humphries traveled to Augusta, Georgia in May and placed 22nd in "chemistry lab" and 27th in "remote sensing".

Additionally, Mililani High School students were awarded the Spirit Award, given to the team that best demonstrates teamwork, cooperation, skill, sportsmanship and excellence in science. Mililani High School was chosen from over 120 schools nationwide. They received a trophy and \$2,000 to develop and continue the Science Olympiad program at Mililani High School.

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

<b>Mililani Town Center</b> Bloodmobile Parked Between Tesoro And A&W	Saturday, July 4 & 18
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*One donation can help save up to three lives!*

Excerpts from...

### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION'S (UHERO) FORECAST UPDATE

Two recent developments have caused us to mark down a bit our already weak outlook for the Hawai'i economy. The H1N1 flu epidemic has worsened prospects for Japanese tourism, which will lead to somewhat larger visitor losses this year. But the bigger concern is fallout from the State fiscal crisis. Government actions to address the growing revenue shortfall will further depress jobs and especially income this year and next, with the risk that recovery could be further delayed.

The recently announced furloughs will slash State worker salaries nearly 14%, and they will lead to some additional private sector job and income losses as State workers cut back on spending. By 2010, statewide real labor income will be 1.6 percentage points lower than in our March forecast. Total real personal income, which includes non-labor income and government transfer payments, will decline 2.7% this year and 0.6% in 2010, before a moderate recovery begins. Actual cuts to public sector jobs and income could well end up being larger, which would further delay recovery of the overall state economy.

There are now a few signs that the worst of the US and Japanese downturns may soon be behind us. It is harder to find such "green shoots" here in Hawai'i. The best news is that US arrivals appear to have stabilized, albeit at a level far below the numbers we saw before the beginning of the current downturn. There has not yet been any decisive bottoming out of local jobs. We continue to expect the Hawai'i economy to have stabilized by the end of the year. But it remains difficult to see where a robust recovery might come from.

Bonham, Ph.D., Carl S. "UHERO EIS Forecast Archive." UHERO Home. 12 June 2009. University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization. 16 June 2009 <[http://www.uhero.hawaii.edu/eis/eis\\_forecastarchive.html](http://www.uhero.hawaii.edu/eis/eis_forecastarchive.html)>.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

**Hawaii Meth Project** is a newly launched statewide program advocating prevention of first-time meth use among teens. Please consider supporting this very important undertaking by attending a volunteer orientation on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m in Farrington High School's library conference room.

**Lanakila Meals on Wheels** is looking for more volunteers to help deliver food to homebound seniors. They need drivers and can accommodate busy lifestyles. Please call Eric Batalon at 356-8532 for further information.