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## Testimony in Support of Agenda Items VII C, VII D, and VII E

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Aloha e BOR,

Please see **attached** testimony on behalf of the Pūko'a Council for your information and support.

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Aloha e Board of Regents,

On behalf of the Pūko‘a Council, a University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents statutorily approved organization representing Native Hawaiian campus councils throughout the UH system, we support agenda items VII. C, D and E relating to Approval to Award Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters to Edith Kekuhikuhipu'uoneonāali'iōkohala Kenao Kanaka‘ole, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett and Jerald Kimo Alama Keaulana.

The Council met this week to discuss these notable, prolific and esteemed kumu hula for their voluminous accomplishments and contributions to the University system as well as to Native Hawaiians and Hawa‘i, and because of their love of and affection for the art of hula, we humbly request the BOR to support their nominations as honorary doctorates of humane letters.

Pūko‘a Council applauds these kumu hula as well as their ‘ohana as their legacy and the art of hula will live on and on! E ola mau ka hula Hawai‘i, ka piko o ka lōina Hawai‘i!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo nui,



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