

Resolution

No. 09-46

HONORING EDWIN “ED” LINDSEY JR., A BELOVED MAUI TREASURE

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian proverb, or `ōlelo no`eau, “E `ōpū ali`i” means “have the heart of a chief” and is said of a person having the kindness, generosity, and even temperament of a chief; and

WHEREAS, E `ōpū ali`i is aptly applied to Edwin “Ed” Lindsey Jr., a steadfast champion and leader in protecting Maui’s `āina and its important cultural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, born in 1939 to parents Rose “Pua” and Ned Lindsey, as the second of five children, Ed and his siblings, Roselle, Mary Helen, Charlie, and Leonard, affectionately refer to Polanui, Lāhainā, Maui, as their one hānau; and

WHEREAS, as a child Ed attended Kamehameha Schools on O`ahu as a boarding student, and upon graduating opted to serve his country in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, seeking a career in education, Ed pursued his studies at Maunaolu Junior College located within Maui’s Hāmākuapoko District, where in 1961 he met and fell in love with Maui girl Puanani Doong of Wailuku; and

WHEREAS, Ed continued his education at Western State College of Colorado at Gunnison, where he earned his teaching credential; and

WHEREAS, Ed and Puanani married upon his return to Maui in 1964, and they eventually had three children, Edwin `Ekoḷu III, Jonathan Kaohukai, and Lahela Nahalauokalani; and

WHEREAS, Ed began his career in education in Hana, Maui, where he invoked as his standard for teaching the `ōlelo no`eau “E hana mua a pa`a ke kahua mamua o ke a`o ana aku ia ha`i”, which means to build yourself a firm foundation before teaching others; and

WHEREAS, after four years with the Hana community, Ed was transferred to `Iao Intermediate School in Wailuku, where he specialized in teaching Hawaiian and Social Studies and then retired with 25 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, for many years, Ed has been a pioneering force in the founding of numerous organizations and movements to preserve Maui's `āina, cultural landscapes, marine resources, and overall sense of place; and

WHEREAS, the protection of all things Hawaiian has often required action in the political arena, as Ed has frequently provided a needed voice in countless public hearings and forums, while always carrying himself with an air of warmth, respect, and aloha for all, regardless of their views and positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club presented Ed with its Mālama Ka `Āina Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2009, Ed received the Mālama I Ke Kai Kupuna Award at the More Fish in the Sea ocean-awareness fair; and

WHEREAS, Ed's commitment to his community includes serving as a founding member of Hui O Wa`a Kaulua, whose activities included the building of Lāhainā's sailing canoe Mo`olele; President of the `Ohana Coalition; organizer of Kilakila `O Haleakalā; co-founder of the Maui Nui Marine Resources Council; member of Nā Kupuna `O Maui; participant in the Ka`anapali 2020 planning process; and spearheading ongoing native habitat restoration projects such as Mālama Honokawai Valley, Mālama Ukumehame and Mālama Kaheawa-Hanaula in a place where, in the words of Ed's sister Roselle, "Dad and Mom always took the kids up to"; and

WHEREAS, it was through his work with Ka`anapali 2020 that Ed saw a need to develop a formal mechanism that would perpetuate the protection of important cultural landscapes, and thus Maui Cultural Lands Inc. was founded as a Maui-based grassroots land trust organization whose mission is to stabilize, protect, and restore Hawaiian cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, Ed's legacy grows as he continues to teach young and old, residents and visitors alike, about the Hawaiian language, culture, flora and fauna, unselfishly giving of his time and infusing the essence of traditional Hawaiian values and principles instilled in him by his parents; and

WHEREAS, it is Ed's philosophy that in the education of the youth one must instill the spirit of the land first and foremost: He ali`i ka `āina; he kau wā ke kanaka (the land is chief; man is its servant; land has no need for man, but man needs the land and works it for a livelihood); and

WHEREAS, Ed Lindsey is known throughout Hawai`i as Kumu, Kupuna, Uncle, Tutu, brother, dad, husband, and friend, always exemplifying the Hawaiian values he so

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deeply cherishes, such as: Aloha (love and compassion), Kokua (help and support), Pono (moral and goodness), Mālama (take care properly), `Onipa`a (stay the course, steadfastness), and Ho`omanawanui (patience); now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby commends and honors Edwin “Ed” Lindsey Jr. for his many years of outstanding community service; and

2. That it recognizes Ed Lindsey as one of Maui County’s beloved Kumu, Kupuna, and treasures; and

3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Ed and Puanani Lindsey; their children `Ekolu Lindsey, Lahela and Johnny Constantino, and Jonathan Lindsey; family members Roselle and Jim Bailey, Mary Helen Lindsey, Charles and Elna Lindsey, and Rose Marie and John Duey; and friends Peter Martin, Robyn Morgan, Hilton H. Unemori, and Josephine Buck.

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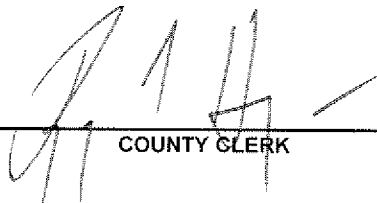
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

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CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 09-46 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 15th day of May, 2009, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Dennis A. MATEO Chair	Michael J. MOLINA Vice-Chair	Gladys C. BAISA	Jo Anne JOHNSON	Solomon P. KAHO'OHALAHALA	William J. MEDEIROS	Wayne K. NISHIKI	Joseph PONTANILLA	Michael P. VICTORINO
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



COUNTY CLERK