



# The Hawaii State Legislature

hereby presents this certificate to

## STEPHEN TSAI AND HIS TSAIKOS Warrior Beat Blog Anniversary Party

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is proud to recognize those select individuals and organizations who use their God-given talents to share the spirit of Aloha; and

WHEREAS, an avid and long-time University of Hawaii sports fan, STEPHEN TSAI began his sports reporting career as a writer for Ka Leo O Hawaii, the newspaper of the University of Hawaii, and continued his sports writing endeavors with the Honolulu Advertiser, covering various University of Hawaii sports since 1987; and

WHEREAS, STEPHEN TSAI, who according to the Honolulu Advertiser, "knows University of Hawai'i sports, down to the last decimal of a 40-yard dash," brings to his readers a fresh perspective on the University's athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous knowledge and understanding of the complex issues and stories surrounding athletics at the University of Hawaii led STEPHEN TSAI to create a blog known as "The Warrior Beat" on the Honolulu Advertiser's website, furthering insight into the local sports scene, particularly the Warrior football program, and allowing fans to become interactive through the submission of comments, sharing their knowledge of the game; and

WHEREAS, a small number of individuals began to regularly submit comments on the blog, which averaged 30 posted comments each day, and on December 28, 2006, a group of twelve bloggers finally met in person at Murphy's Bar and Grill, marking the momentous occasion that led to the establishment of the TSAIKOS, a term that incorporates the dual meanings of the crazed sports fans of the University of Hawaii and the children of Tsai; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of STEPHEN TSAI, the TSAIKOS, whose mottos became "Make Memories" and "Family, Friends, Food, Fun, and Football," formed an inexplicable bond that resulted in away-game trips together (including travel to Las Vegas and the Sugar Bowl that included over 100 individuals), tailgates, and karaoke and other get-togethers; and

WHEREAS, the TSAIKOS also launched efforts to support University of Hawaii athletics overall, and have already made an impact with the purchase of championship awards for the softball team, equipment for coaches, and fundraising events for the Warrior football team, and will continue to contribute their support in any way they can; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2008, STEPHEN TSAI, along with his TSAIKOS, will be celebrating the 2nd Anniversary of "The Warrior Beat" blog; now, therefore,

The Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby congratulates and recognizes STEPHEN TSAI for his outstanding sports writing, as well as his TSAIKOS for their dedication to supporting University of Hawaii athletics, and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes in all future endeavors.

Representative K. Mark Tsai

Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker of the House

Patricia Mau-Shimizu, House Chief Clerk

Senator Shan Tsutsui

Colleen Hanabusa, President of the Senate

Carol Taniguchi, Senate Chief Clerk