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Dear committee members:

The Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts Society, Inc. is pleased to endorse Mrs. Edith Kawelohea Kapule McKinzie for the 1994 Ke Kukui Malamalama award.

We have had the privilege of working with Mrs. McKinzie for more than eighteen years. She has unselfishly volunteered her precious time to help develop Hawaiian cultural programs for the residents of our Kalihi-Palama community and has served as a consultant for numerous other projects.

An exponent of hula masters, Joseph Ilalaole and Eleanor Hiram Hoke, she is steeped in hula traditions and values. It is these traditions of ancient hula and chant that she perpetuates by conducting kumu hula seminars for the Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts Society, Inc.

At the 1986 Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition, KPC&A had the pleasure of presenting Mrs. McKinzie with the Pulama Award in recognition and appreciation of her significant contributions toward the promotion of the Hawaiian culture and the furtherance of keiki hula in Hawaii. A copy of the article which appeared in the program booklet is enclosed for your information.

Author, composer, kumu hula, teacher, advisor, consultant, translator, researcher. These are only some of the facets that make up Mrs. McKinzie. She is respected and beloved by her students and co-workers. And importantly, Mrs. McKinzie inspires the young people under her tutelage to work diligently to achieve their goals for the betterment of the Hawaiian people.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of Mrs. Edith McKinzie for the Ke Kukui Malamalama Award.

Sincerely,

Jan M. Itagaki
Executive Director

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