

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**S.C.R. NO. 39-04
IN THE SENATE**

19 March, 2025

INTRODUCED BY:

Sen. Magalei Logovii, D-8
Sen. Levu Sa Iosia, D-7

Sen. Tuna'itau Malaki P. Togiola D-8

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

**COMMENDATION – THE TAFUNA HIGH SCHOOL TOA ROBOTICS TEAM #21111A
AND TOA DRONES II TEAM #96799B**

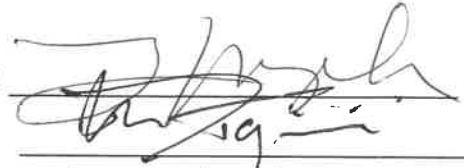
SUMMARY:

This Senate Concurrent resolution commends the Tafuna High School TOA Robotics and Drone Teams for their accomplishments of winning the 2025 8th Brigade VEX Robotics National Championship and their advancement to the 2025 JROTC All-Branch National Robotics Competition.

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1 S.C.R NO. 39-04

2 INTRODUCED BY:

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6 “A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TAFUNA
7 HIGH SCHOOL TOA ROBOTICS AND TOA DRONES TEAMS OF
8 AMERICAN SAMOA, FOR THEIR REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
9 2025 8TH BRIGADE VEX ROBOTICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND
10 ADVANCEMENT TO THE 2025 JROTC ALL-BRANCH NATIONAL
11 ROBOTICS COMPETITON.”

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13 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of American Samoa takes great pride in
14 recognizing the outstanding achievements of our youth who have
15 represented the Territory of American Samoa in local, regional, and
16 national competitions further exemplifying excellence in academics,
17 robotics, technology, and innovation; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Tafuna High School Robotics Team has demonstrated exceptional
20 skill, dedication, and teamwork in competing at the national level,
21 emerging as Robotics National Champions in the field of robotics and
22 engineering; and

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24 WHEREAS, in 2023 and again in 2024, the team won the prestigious National
25 Create Award at the VEX Robotics Championships in Dallas, Texas,
26 recognizing their robot’s creative engineering and design solutions;
27 and

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WHEREAS, history was made by the TOA Drone #96799B Team, in JROTC aerial drone national competitions by winning the 8th Brigade Aerial Drone Competition, winning both the All-Around Championship and Teamwork Champions titles, in February 2025. And in March, 2025 the TOA Drone #96799B Team won the Army Aerial Drone Competition All-Around Championship; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work, perseverance, and innovative thinking, the team has not only brought great honor to their school, families, and community but also to the Territory of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, their victory at the national level has earned them the distinguished honor of advancing to the 2025 JROTC ALL-Branch National Championship VEX World Championship in May 2025 in Dallas, Texas. There they will proudly represent American Samoa on an even greater stage, competing among the best and brightest young minds from across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Senate acknowledges the unwavering support of their coaches, Major (MAJ) Siimoa Galoia, Master Sergeant (MSG) Acania Puleyasi, and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Lei Solaita, whose guidance and encouragement have played an instrumental role in the team’s success; and

WHEREAS, the Senate would like to acknowledge the following members of the the *TOA Drone #96799B Team*:

1. Gwenavere Felise-Ioka
2. Everett Painter
3. Ayden Puleyasi
4. Joseph Spitzenberg
5. Lorraine Steckert

6. Phu Tat Dang
- and the *TOA Robotics Team #21111A*:
1. Filiga Tufa
 2. Francis Ah Vui
 3. Olaitalosaga Sauvao
 4. Josephine Stanley
 5. Penaia Tinitali

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of American Samoa hereby commends and congratulates the Tafuna High School Robotics and Drone Teams for their remarkable achievement as the 2025 8th Brigade VEX ROBOTICS National Champions and extends its full support and encouragement as they prepare to compete in the 2025 JROTC All-Branch National Robotics Competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING:

THAT, the Tafuna High School TOA ROBOTICS #21111A and TOA DRONE II #96799B, is hereby commended for their exceptional accomplishments, dedication, and contributions to the field of robotics and technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Senate, the Honorable Tualo M. Fruean, or his authorized representative, is respectfully requested to present this Senate Concurrent Resolution to the Tafuna High School TOA ROBOTICS and TOA DRONE teams as a token of our esteem and sincere appreciation for their outstanding efforts and achievements.

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**NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE MUAMUA**

**IMFMM. NU. 39-04
I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

19 MATI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Magalei Logovi'i, Itumalo – 8

Senatoa Tuana'itau M.P. Togiola, Itumalo - 8

Senatoa Levu Sa Iosia, Itumalo – 7

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMALO— 'AU ROPATI A LE TOA (ROBOTICS TEAM #21111A) MA LE DRONE II 96799B (TAMA'I-VA'ALELE PU'EATA) A LE AOGA MAUALUGA A TAFUNA


'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei I'ugafono a le Maota Mauualuga e faamalo ai i le Aoga Mauualuga a Tafuna - TOA i ana 'au a le Robotics #2111A ma le Drone II #96799B ona o le tulaga maoa'e ua latou 'ausia, o le manumalo aoao lea i le Siamupini o le 2025 8th Brigade VEX ma lo latou sao atu e 'auai i le tauvaga tele o lalā uma a le JROTC 2025 a le atunuu aoao.

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6 “O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMALO AI I ‘AU A LE
7 TOA ROBOTICS MA LE TOA DRONES A LE AOGA MAUALUGA A
8 TAFUNA ONA O LE MANUMALO AOA O I LE SIAMUPINI O LE 2025 8th
9 BRIGATE VEX, MA LO LATOU SAO ATU AI E ‘AUI I LE TAUVAGA
10 TELE A LALĀ UMA O LE JROTC 2025 A LE ATUNUU AOA.”

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12 TALUAI, e aloa’ia, ma o se mitamitaga tele o le Maota Maualuga o le
13 Fonofaitulafono a Amerika Samoa e faailoa ai le tulaga maoa’e o a
14 tatou tupulaga na latou fai ai ma sui o le teritori o Amerika Samoa i
15 tauvaga faalotoifale, o le itulagi, ma le atunuu aoao, ma faailoa atili
16 ai le tulaga sili atu i le atamai tau aoaoga, o gaoioiga faaropati
17 (robotics), tekonolosi ma le faaaogaina o ni faiga/tomai fou; ma

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19 TALUAI, ua faaalua e le ‘au a le Robotics a le Aoga Maualuga a Tafuna lo
20 latou tomai maoa’e, agaga tausiniō, ma le galulue faatasi e tauva ai i
21 le taaloga a le atunuu aoao ma ua tula’i mai ai o le siamupini aoao i
22 matātā faaropati (robotics) ma le faainisinia; ma

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24 TALUAI, o le 2023 ma le 2024, sa manumalo ai foi i le Faailoga e ta’ua o le
25 National Create Award i le sailiga siamupini o le fa’aropati (VEX
26 Robotics Championship) i Dallas, Texas, ma na iloga ai lo latou

1 ma'ema'e i tulaga o le fausia ma le inisiniaina o galuega faaropati;
2 ma

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4 TALUAI, ia Fepuari 2025, na 'ausia ai e le 'au a le TOA le siamupini o le
5 tauvaga i tomai faaropati i le sailiga siamupini a le Siamupini a le 8th
6 Brigade VEX National Robotics ma latou mauaina foi le faailoga o
7 le poto maoa'e, ma faapaleina o le siamupini aoao, o le faailoga o lo
8 latou tomai faatekonolosi ma le tomai faatauvaga; ma

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10 TALUAI, o se tala faasolopito na faamauina e le TOA Drone #96799B, ina ua
11 avea ma siamupini a le JROTC i tauvaga a le atunuu aoao, ina ua
12 manumalo ai i le tauvaga a Vaalele pu'eata laiti lona 8 (8th Brigade
13 Drone Competition) manumalo ai i le Siamupini Aoao ma 'Au
14 Ta'a'alo Maopo'opo ia Fepuari 2025. Ia Mati 2025 na toe manumalo
15 aoao ai lenei lava 'au a le TOA Drone #96799B i le sailiga o le
16 Siamupini Aoao; ma

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18 TALUAI, ona o lo latou galulue malosi, agaga tauivi, o le mafaufau lelei fou,
19 ua lē gata ina momoli mai o le tulaga faaaloogia i le latou aoga, o
20 aiga ma le atunuu, ae faapena foi i le teritori o Amerika Samoa; ma

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22 TALUAI, o lo latou manumalo i le atunuu aoao ua latou maua ai se tulaga
23 iloga e oo atu ai i le Sailiga-siamupini a lalā uma a le JROTC a le
24 Lalolagi (2025 JROTC ALL-Branch National Championship VEX
25 World Championship) ia Me 2025 i Dallas, Texas, o le a mitamita ai
26 i latou e fai ma sui o Amerika Samoa i lea tauvaga tele e tauva ai ma
27 'au aupito sili ona lelei ma sili ona atamamai i tupulaga laiti mai isi
28 itu uma o le atunuu; ma

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1 TALUAI, e taualoa e le Maota Maualuga le lagolago ma le faamalosi'au a o
2 latou faiaoga, Major (MAJ) Siimoa Galoia, Master Sergeant (MSG)
3 Acania Puletasi, ma Sergeant First Class (SFC) Lei Solaita, lea na
4 ta'ita'ia, punoua'i ma galulue faatasi ina ia manuia le faamoemoe o
5 le 'au; ma

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7 TALUAI, e fia faailoa e le Maota Maualuga totino nei:

8 o le 'au a Drone #96799B

- 9 1. Gwenavere Felise-Ioka
- 10 2. Everett Painter
- 11 3. Ayden Puletasi
- 12 4. Joseph Spitzenberg
- 13 5. Lorraine Steckert
- 14 6. Phu Tat Dang

15 *ma le 'au a le TOA Robotics #21111A):*

- 16 1. Filiga Tufa
- 17 2. Francis Ah Vui
- 18 3. Olaitalosaga Sauvao
- 19 4. Josephine Stanley
- 20 5. Penaia Tinitali

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22 TALUAI, e momoli le faamalo ma le agaga faagaeetia o le Maota Maualuga o
23 le Fonofaitulafono a Amerika Samoa i le 'au taalo o Robotics ma le
24 Drones a le Aoga Maualuga a Tafuna mo le tulaga maualuga ua
25 'ausia – o le Siamupini aoao o le tauvaga i le atunuu aoao 8th Brigade
26 VEX ROBOTICS 2025 ma faaaauu atu ai la latou lagolago ma le
27 faamalosi'au a'o tapena ai mo lo latou sauni atu i le Tauvaga tele a
28 lalā uma a le JROTC a le Malo aoao o le 2025.

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1 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAI'UGAFONOINA E LE MAOTA
2 MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA, MALILIE FAATASI I
3 AI MA LE MAOTA O SUI:

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5 E FAAPEA, e momoli atu le faamalo i 'au a le Robotics #21111A ma le Drone II
6 96799B a le Aoga Maualuga a Tafuna, ona o lo latou tulaga maoae, o le agaga
7 tausiniō, ma lo latou sao taua i mea tau ropati ma le faatekonolosi; ma

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9 IA TOE FAAI'UGAFONOINA FO'I, e faapea, e talosagaina ma le faaaloalo le
10 Afioga i le Peresetene, Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, poo sona sui faatagaina, e
11 tauaaoina atu lenei I'ugafono i le Aoga Maualuga a Tafuna, 'au a le ROBOTICS
12 ma le DRONES a Tafuna e faailoa ai lo tatou agaga fiafia ona o le tulaga maoa'e
13 na latou maua i tauvaga sa auai atu ai.

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