



Commendation

Presented to

Celina Shoda

May 29, 2014

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i, I congratulate Celina Shoda of Nu'uuanu Elementary School for placing 3rd in the national "Bring Our Missing Children Home" poster contest.

Celina, you were faced with the difficult task of illustrating a serious issue. Rather than dwelling on sadness, your imagination produced a warm and uplifting poster that touched the hearts of the contest judges. By relating the joy of a reunion, you aimed to help families struggling through difficult times to find hope and comfort in each other.

I am delighted that you have already shown a commitment to growing your art while also serving the community. Your art demonstrates your compassion as much as your skill, and I join your family and teachers in looking forward to your next piece.

I commend you on this extraordinary achievement, and I echo the praise of the national judges for your poster. You have made your family, school and state proud, and I wish you success in all your future pursuits.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

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Governor, State of Hawai'i