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The International Reading Association presented its Eleanor M. Johnson Award for outstanding elementary classroom teaching to Jocelyn Mokulehua of Iliahi Elementary School, Wahiawa, Hawaii. The award is given annually and carries a US\$1,000 prize supported by a grant from Field Publications. It is named after the late founder and editor-in-chief of *Weekly Reader*.

Mokulehua has been a classroom teacher in grades 4-6 at Iliahi Elementary School for the past 22 years. She has also been a Chapter 1 teacher, and has taught writing, remedial reading, oral communication, and classes for gifted students. She has served as chair of the Language Arts Committee, as an advisor to the Student Council, and as a Board Member of the Parent-Teacher Association. She currently is a district Complex Coordinator for the Gifted/Talented Program.

"Jocelyn has made a great impact on the students and staff of Iliahi. Students affectionately refer to her as 'Mrs. Mo' and are constantly seeking her advice and direction," said Maxine Ishiyama, a computer teacher at Iliahi Elementary. "It is a rare occasion when 'Mrs. Mo' has time for lunch with her fellow teachers because of her devotion to her students."

In 1991, Mokulehua was named Central District's Teacher of the Year. She has received a Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation grant and is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*.

Iliahi Elementary School's principal, Jane F. Serikaku, said, "She exemplifies all those qualities of an

effective and excellent teacher and brings credibility to the teaching profession. She is a teacher and learner who reaches out to her students and their parents in her effort to provide the very best educational opportunities to all."

Mokulehua received her B. Ed. and M. Ed. degrees in Elementary Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is a member of Ka Hui Heluhelu, the local council of the International Reading Association, and the Hawaii Council of the National Council of Teachers of English, and served as vice president and president of Ka Hui Heluhelu. Mokulehua is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and is active in the Aloha Council of Boy Scouts of America.

The International Reading Association is a 94,000-member, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy worldwide.