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**TEXACO HAWAI‘I AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
MARK 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEXACO  
HONOLULU DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SPEECH FESTIVAL**

*Approximately 450 students representing 33 elementary schools in the Honolulu district will participate in the non-competitive event, including one school participating for the first time entirely in the Hawaiian language*

**Honolulu, Hawai‘i, (April 25, 2018)** – Island Energy Services, LLC (Island Energy), the exclusive licensee of the Texaco brand in Hawai‘i, in partnership with the Hawai‘i Department of Education, jointly celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texaco/Honolulu District Speech Festival. The festival will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Kaimukī High School.

The goal of the festival is to foster the development of students’ creative expression and self-confidence through oral communication in one of five categories: choral reading, group interpretation, oral interpretation, poetry, and storytelling. Oral communication is one of the three key components of the Language Arts curriculum.

"Speaking publicly is a skillset that can be used throughout a student's educational career and beyond," said Deputy Superintendent Phyllis Unebasami. "We're grateful for

Texaco's continued partnership to hold this festival where students not only have an outlet to apply what they're learning in critical thinking, persuasion, and communication, but to also learn from their peers."

For the first time in the history of the Speech Festival, Hawaiian language immersion school, Ānuenuē, will participate entirely in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, or the Hawaiian language. Hawaiian language speakers have also been recruited to serve as volunteer judges.

"Island Energy Services is proud to continue the three decade long partnership with the Department of Education to enable opportunities for students to develop and showcase their communication skills. We are thankful to the DOE, and the many volunteer judges from our company who are joined by other civic, business, education, and community groups, to make the experience an enriching one for the students," said Carina Tagupa, Communications and Community Engagement Manager for Island Energy.

The festival is open to Honolulu District students from grades 3-5, with up to 15 student participants per school. Immediately following the student presentations, students will participate in an awards ceremony where each student will receive a commemorative medal for participating.

Hawai'i News Now meteorologist Jennifer Robbins will serve as this year's motivational speaker, where she will reinforce the importance of oral communication skills with students.

The festival begins at 8:30 am, with the awards ceremony commencing at 11:15 am in the Kaimukī High School Gymnasium.

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