

## Rep. Ward speaks on How to Improve Small Business



On Monday, November 16, 2015, Rep. Ward spoke at a **Grassroot Institute Panel** chaired by Keli'i Akina at a luncheon event entitled **"Taxing & Regulating Small Business to Death: Hawaii's Business Climate"** at the **Pacific Club**. Ward was accompanied by other panelists including House Consumer Protection/Commerce Chair, **Rep. Angus McKelvey**, President of the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, **Tom Yamachika**, and former executive Vice President of the Hawaii Medical Assurance Association **Reg Baker**.

**CNBC and others have labeled Hawaii as one of, if not the worst, place to do business in the US.** As the Co-Chair of the Small Business Caucus, Rep. Ward is very concerned that **Hawaii's reputation for high taxes and over-regulation slows investment to our islands and prevents more high paying jobs.**

## Marathoner Celebrates 97th



On Sunday, November 22, 2015, **Gladys Burill**, the oldest person to ever finish a sanctioned marathon race, celebrated her 97th birthday with a surprise **birth party** luncheon with family and friends at the Halekulani Hotel. Rep. Ward presented her a House of Representatives Commendation for her many accomplishments.

**Five years ago on December 12, 2010, Gladys finished the Honolulu Marathon** in 9 hours, fifty-three minutes and sixteen seconds at the age of 92 years old. According to the Guinness Book of World records, this feat earned her the distinction of becoming the eldest woman in the world to complete a marathon. **Her secret? Be upbeat, have a dream, and exercise!**

## "Beer and Coffee Summits" Cancelled 4 December Holidays



**BEER SUMMIT**  
Thursday,  
Jan 7, 2015  
5:30 PM.

Kona Brewing Company

**FEATURING:**  
**Dr. Sarah Park,**  
**Epidemiologist, Hawaii**  
**State Dept. of Health**

**GOT CONCERNS OR ANY ADVICE WE CAN TALK OVER COFFEE?**



**COFFEE SUMMIT-** Come meet with Rep. Ward on Tues, Jan. 5, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Zippys Koko Marina.

## Rep. Ward hosts Indonesia's Consul General Umar Hadi



**Indonesian Consul General Umar Hadi** oversees all of the western United States including **Hawaii** and looks after the trade and travel between our two countries. He and his wife, Ibu Nila visited Hawaii for the first time last month with the assistance of Rep. Ward.

**Ward unofficially arranged meetings for the Consul General after being designated as the Honorary Consul General in Hawaii for Indonesia about a year ago - but it was never confirmed.** As Rep. Ward relates, "I was appointed and approved by the Foreign Ministry in Jakarta, the Ambassador in Washington but was later told by the US State Dept. that **a sitting elected official of the US could not represent a foreign country at the same time and the appointment abruptly ended.**" In Hawaii there are 38 foreign nations represented and the majority are unpaid Honorary Consul Generals.