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**Dedication to Guy Toyama  
Josue Cruz Speech**

There are some essential things in the life of a human being, to consider this one as a full life. Family, friends, joyfulness, sadness, passion- and the happiness for what we do to contribute to the society where we live, are some examples of these essentials.

Guy Toyama is one of those persons that you can tell since the very first you met him that he lived and enjoyed the things he did in live.

Although I did not spend many time with him, that little time I could spend at his side, was a first class one. An experience that transformed my way of seeing the way we should produce energy. That we need to produce energy in a way that do not dehumanize us, neither take us to the caves era, but harmonize our technological progress with our need to sustain resources and take them into a good and dynamic interaction with the environment that surround us, so we can ensure our existence as a society in this singular planet.

Obviously, I didn't come here today to speak about geothermal energy or solar or bio-fuel made out of corn, no, definitely no. I came to tell you that in our communities we are needing people like Guy, that we need people who believe in the power of the youth that is emerging to face and resolve the challenges that shows up, that we need people able to share what they know without pretend having the monopoly of knowledge, that our world will not be saved with more technologies, that what we really need are role models, role models that inspire our desire for being better human beings without pretending humiliate the others, that what we need are people that show us that our greatness does not lies in the cumulus of material wealth or academic knowledge that we might have, instead, what truly make us big is our will to make changes and our desire to perpetuate our accomplishments to overcome one of the major fears of humanity, our finite existence.

I thank today for having the honor of knowing somebody like Guy. I can assure you that he planted on me his seed of the desire to accomplish a better world for everyone. I know that in some years I will be in a position from which I will be able to promote reforms that will change the path of my community and I can guarantee that in many of them will be that innovative scientific knowledge that Guy taught me, but also will be present the eagerness for preserve our planet for those ones that are coming after us.

**Let's plant!  
Let's plant as Guy did it!**

**I invite each one of you to help organizations like Stone Soup and the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative to spread the water that very soon will make all those young seeds grow!**