
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ISSUE A
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP HONORING PRINCE JONAH KUHIO
KALANIANAOLE.

1 WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole, known as the last
2 Prince of the Hawaiian Monarchy, was the son of High Chief David
3 Kahalepouli Piikoi and Princess Victoria Kuhio Kinoiki Kekaulike
4 and great-grandson of Kaumualii, the last reigning chief of the
5 island of Kauai; and

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7 WHEREAS, Kuhio was born on March 26, 1871, at Hoai, Kualu
8 in the Koloa district of the island of Kauai; and

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10 WHEREAS, his mother and father both died when he was still
11 very young, Kuhio and his brothers were adopted by their aunt,
12 Kapiolani, who was the wife of Kalakaua; and

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14 WHEREAS, King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani ascended to
15 their thrones in 1874, and thirteen-year-old Jonah Kuhio
16 Kalanianaole and his brothers were subsequently made Princes by
17 royal decree in 1884; and

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19 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio was very well trained and educated
20 both at home and abroad in England; and

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22 WHEREAS, upon the death of the Prince's uncle, King
23 Kalakaua, the King's sister Liliuokalani ascended the throne,
24 and upon doing so, named the young Prince as an heir; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 1893, Queen Liliuokalani was illegally
27 overthrown by a group of foreign businessmen; and

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29 WHEREAS, in support of his aunt, the Queen, Prince Kuhio
30 joined with a group of Hawaiian Nationals and Loyalists in an
31 attempt to return the Queen to the throne and was subsequently
32 arrested and imprisoned for treason; and

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2 WHEREAS, at the same time that the Queen was released from
3 imprisonment, Prince Kuhio was also released and pardoned on all
4 charges; and

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6 WHEREAS, after Hawaii's annexation to the United States and
7 the subsequent passage of the Organic Act, in 1902 Prince Kuhio
8 was persuaded to accept the Republican Party's nomination as a
9 delegate to Congress; and

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11 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio won his first bid for election to
12 Congress, and many more thereafter, serving as Hawaii's delegate
13 from 1903 to 1921; and

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15 WHEREAS, his keen wit and ready good humor made him well
16 liked by his fellow Hawaiians and fellow legislators in
17 Washington, D.C.; and

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19 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio earned great respect for his
20 commitment and staunch support of the native Hawaiian people,
21 for whom he worked tirelessly; and

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23 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio made great achievements in his nearly
24 twenty years in Congress, including securing Kalaupapa Leper
25 Settlement as a territorial institution, establishing county
26 governments, developing Pearl Harbor, and advocating for passage
27 of the Hawaiian Rehabilitation Act and the Hawaiian Homes
28 Commission Act; and

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30 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio endeavored to restore native
31 Hawaiians' pride in their race by re-organizing the Royal Order
32 of Kamehameha I and organizing the Hawaiian Civic Club, both of
33 which are still very active organizations, and including civic
34 clubs that have been established across the United States to
35 address the concerns of native Hawaiians; and

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37 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio died at his home on Waikiki Beach on
38 January 7, 1922 at the age of fifty; and

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40 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio, the last designated heir to the
41 Hawaiian throne, was given the last state funeral held in Hawaii
42 for an alii and is buried at Mauna Ala (Royal Mausoleum) in
43 Nuuanu Valley amongst numerous other members of the Hawaiian
44 Monarchy; and

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2 WHEREAS, upon his death, the Governor of the Territory of
3 Hawaii proclaimed that Prince Kuhio was sincere, loyal, and
4 courageous and possessed a unique, distinctly Hawaiian kindness
5 of heart that is identified, interpreted, and glorified in
6 Hawaii's Aloha; and
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8 WHEREAS, Kuhio Park in Koloa, Kauai, was dedicated to and
9 named for him in 1928, only six years after his passing; and
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11 WHEREAS, numerous places, including schools, roads, parks,
12 housing developments, and a federal building, have all been
13 named for Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 1949, the territorial Legislature passed a
16 resolution marking March 26th as a holiday honoring Prince
17 Kuhio, which has now become a State holiday known as "Kuhio
18 Day"; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2002, a statue in Prince Kuhio's likeness was
21 erected on Waikiki Beach to honor Prince Kuhio; and
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23 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio is fondly remembered as "Ke Alii
24 Makaanana" (The Citizen Prince); now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature, in
29 recognition of the work and achievements of Prince Jonah Kuhio
30 Kalaniana'ole as a representative and supporter of the native
31 Hawaiian people and his significance in Hawaiian history as the
32 last designated heir to the Hawaiian throne, therefore
33 encourages and requests that the United States Postal Service
34 issue a commemorative stamp honoring Prince Jonah Kuhio
35 Kalaniana'ole; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
39 Postmaster General, the Chief Executive Officer of the United
40 States Postal Service, the Chair of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory
41 Committee of the United States Postal Service, the District
42 Manager of the United States Postal Service for the District of
43 Hawaii, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Hawaiian

- 1 Civic Club of Honolulu, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,
- 2 and Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa.