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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE SELECTION OF DANIEL KAHIKINA AKAKA TO BE INDUCTED
INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT.

1 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka is a dedicated public
2 servant and educator, who has represented the State of Hawaii in
3 the United States House of Representatives from 1976 to 1990,
4 and in the United States Senate from 1990 through 2012; and
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6 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka embodies the Aloha Spirit,
7 actively demonstrating the values of akahai, lokahi, olu'olu,
8 ha'aha'a, and ahonui in his deeds and interactions with local,
9 national, and international leaders and cross-cultural
10 friendships; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United States Senate and executive leadership
13 have continuously turned to Daniel Kahikina Akaka, Hawaii's
14 first Native Hawaiian to serve in the United States Senate, to
15 promote lokahi above partisanship, thereby demonstrating that
16 Native Hawaiian values can serve to guide behavior and
17 interactions, even in the most influential centers of power in
18 the United States; and
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20 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has worked tirelessly
21 throughout his congressional career to preserve natural
22 resources, thereby demonstrating the Hawaiian value of malama
23 'aina; and
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25 WHEREAS, prior to his election to Congress, Daniel Kahikina
26 Akaka served as the Hawaii Director of the Office of Economic
27 Opportunity, which focused on programs to improve access to
28 education and eliminate poverty in the State; and
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30 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka influenced generations of
31 students as an educator who taught at public and private
32 elementary, intermediate, and high schools in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has brought honor to the
2 State of Hawaii through his service in the United States Army
3 Corps of Engineers during World War II, achievements on behalf
4 of veterans during his tenure as Chairman of the United States
5 Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and tireless efforts to
6 share the Aloha Spirit and its meanings throughout the world;
7 and

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9 WHEREAS, this body established the Aloha Order of Merit in
10 1993 to honor certain individuals, and section 5-7.6, Hawaii
11 Revised Statutes, provides in relevant part that "[h]onorees
12 shall have:

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14 (1) Achieved national or international recognition in
15 their field either by a single event or by the
16 totality of their work that has been either pioneering
17 in their field or that has been outstanding in the
18 long-term; and
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20 (2) (A) Contributed to the attainment of statehood for
21 Hawaii;
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23 (B) Devoted themselves to the betterment of the
24 State, embodying the concept of the Aloha Spirit;
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26 (C) Provided extraordinary service to the State; or
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28 (D) Brought honor to the State"; and
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30 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has achieved national and
31 international recognition as a statesman through the totality of
32 his work, which has been outstanding; and
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34 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has devoted himself to the
35 betterment of the State while embodying the concept of the Aloha
36 Spirit, has provided extraordinary service to the State, and has
37 brought honor to the State; and
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39 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka meets all requirements
40 necessary to be inducted as a member of the Aloha Order of
41 Merit; and
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1 'OIAI, mahalo nui loa ia Kalai Aupuni Kaniela Kahikina Akaka
 2 no kona lokomaika'i a me kona aloha palena 'ole no na po'e a pau
 3 loa; a me
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5 WHEREAS, thank you deeply statesman Daniel Kahikina Akaka
 6 for your everlasting love to all the people; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
 10 House of Representatives concurring, that this body approve the
 11 selection of Daniel Kahikina Akaka to be inducted into the Aloha
 12 Order of Merit; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the
 16 Governor and Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka.
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OFFERED BY:

[Handwritten signatures and names follow, including: Daniel Kahikina Akaka, Malama Jones, N. H. H. H., Anne Hironaka, Fran Ann O'Hara, and many others.]