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## SENATE 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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34           WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has brought honor to the  
35 State of Hawaii through his service in the United States Army  
36 Corps of Engineers during World War II, achievements on behalf



1 of veterans during his tenure as Chairman of the United States  
2 Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and tireless efforts to  
3 share the Aloha Spirit and its meanings throughout the world;  
4 and  
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6 WHEREAS, this body established the Aloha Order of Merit in  
7 1993 to honor certain individuals, and section 5-7.6, Hawaii  
8 Revised Statutes, provides in relevant part that "[h]onorees  
9 shall have:  
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- 11 (1) Achieved national or international recognition in  
12 their field either by a single event or by the  
13 totality of their work that has been either pioneering  
14 in their field or that has been outstanding in the  
15 long-term; and  
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17 (2) (A) Contributed to the attainment of statehood for  
18 Hawaii;  
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20 (B) Devoted themselves to the betterment of the  
21 State, embodying the concept of the Aloha Spirit;  
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23 (C) Provided extraordinary service to the State; or  
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25 (D) Brought honor to the State"; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has achieved national and  
28 international recognition as a statesman through the totality of  
29 his work, which has been outstanding; and  
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31 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka has devoted himself to the  
32 betterment of the State while embodying the concept of the Aloha  
33 Spirit, has provided extraordinary service to the State, and has  
34 brought honor to the State; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Daniel Kahikina Akaka meets all requirements  
37 necessary to be inducted as a member of the Aloha Order of  
38 Merit; and  
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40 'OIAI, mahalo nui loa ia Kalai Aupuni Kaniela Kahikina Akaka  
41 no kona lokomaika'i a me kona aloha palena 'ole no na po'e a pau  
42 loa; a me  
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1 WHEREAS, thank you deeply statesman Daniel Kahikina Akaka  
2 for your everlasting love to all the people; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,  
6 that this body approve the selection of Daniel Kahikina Akaka to  
7 be inducted into the Aloha Order of Merit; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor and  
11 Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka.  
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