
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING
TO MATCH STATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC WORKS OF ART
HONORING THE LATE SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE AND THE LATE
REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK.

1 WHEREAS, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, born in Hawaii
2 on September 7, 1924, volunteered for combat with the 442nd
3 Regimental Combat Team during World War II; and
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5 WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was awarded the Bronze Star, the
6 Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Service Cross, which was
7 later upgraded to the nation's highest award for military valor,
8 the Medal of Honor; and
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10 WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged with the rank of
11 captain, Senator Inouye was elected to the United States House
12 of Representatives in 1959 and subsequently to the United States
13 Senate in 1962; and
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15 WHEREAS, Senator Inouye gained national recognition for his
16 service on Senate committees investigating the Watergate and
17 Iran-Contra scandals; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2009, Senator Inouye became Chairman of the
20 United States Senate Appropriations Committee; and
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22 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Senator Inouye was the
23 second-longest-serving United States senator in history; and
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25 WHEREAS, the late Representative Patsy T. Mink, born on
26 December 6, 1927, overcame gender and racial discrimination to
27 become the first female Japanese-American attorney to practice
28 in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, Representative Mink was elected to Congress and
2 served from 1965 until 1977, and then again from 1990 until
3 2002; and
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5 WHEREAS, Representative Mink was the first minority female
6 in Congress and a champion for civil rights and education; and
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8 WHEREAS, Representative Mink was the primary force behind
9 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, requiring male and
10 female equality in academics and athletics in federally funded
11 educational institutions, later renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal
12 Opportunity in Education Act; and
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14 WHEREAS, works of art portraying Senator Inouye and
15 Representative Mink would properly honor the memories of these
16 extraordinary individuals and inspire current and future
17 generations; and
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19 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 614, introduced during the Regular
20 Session of 2013, seeks to appropriate state funds to commission
21 two permanent, three-dimensional works of art to portray the
22 life, vision, accomplishments, impact, and legacy of Senator
23 Inouye and Representative Mink, respectively, to be displayed in
24 the Capitol District in Honolulu, Hawaii; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's Congressional
29 Delegation is hereby urged to seek federal funding to match
30 state funds designated to support public works of art honoring
31 the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the late Representative
32 Patsy T. Mink, to be commissioned and placed in the Capitol
33 District in Honolulu, Hawaii; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
37 Delegation, the Executive Director of the Hawaii State
38 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the Comptroller.

