
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE SELECTION OF GEORGE RYOICHI ARIYOSHI TO BE
INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT.

1 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi embodies the Aloha Spirit,
2 actively demonstrating the values of akahai, lōkahi, 'olu'olu,
3 ha'aha'a, and ahonui in his deeds and interactions with local,
4 national, and international leaders and in cross-cultural
5 friendships; and

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7 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi is a dedicated public
8 servant and educator, who served as the Lieutenant Governor of
9 the State from 1970 to 1974 and Governor of the State from 1974
10 to 1986; and

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12 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi is Hawaii's longest-
13 serving governor and the first Asian-American to be elected
14 governor of a United States state or territory; and

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16 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi received the high honor of
17 the Japanese government's Grand Cordon of the Sacred Treasure,
18 First Class; and

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20 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi contributed significantly
21 to international relations during his term on the East-West
22 Center Foundation Board of Directors; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature established the Aloha Order of
25 Merit in 1993 to honor certain individuals, and section 5-7.6,
26 Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides in relevant part that
27 "[h]onorees shall have:

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29 (1) Achieved national or international recognition in
30 their field either by a single event or by the
31 totality of their work that has been either pioneering



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- 1 in their field or that has been outstanding in the
- 2 long-term; and
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- 4 (2) (A) Contributed to the attainment of statehood for
- 5 Hawaii;
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- 7 (B) Devoted themselves to the betterment of the
- 8 State, embodying the concept of the Aloha Spirit;
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- 10 (C) Provided extraordinary service to the State; or
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- 12 (D) Brought honor to the State"; and
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14 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi has achieved national and
 15 international recognition as a statesman through the totality of
 16 his work, which has been outstanding; and
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18 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi has devoted himself to the
 19 betterment of the State while embodying the concept of the Aloha
 20 Spirit, has provided extraordinary service to the State, and has
 21 brought honor to the State; and
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23 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi meets all requirements
 24 necessary to be inducted as a member of the Aloha Order of
 25 Merit; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 29 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature approves the
 30 selection of George Ryoichi Ariyoshi to be inducted into the
 31 Aloha Order of Merit; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the
 35 Governor and former Governor George Ryoichi Ariyoshi.
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