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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO HONOR JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī BY DECLARING  
AUGUST 3, 2007, AS JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī DAY.

1 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was a leading citizen of the  
2 Hawaiian kingdom during the nineteenth century. Born in  
3 Waipi'o, O'ahu, on August 3, 1800, and raised under the  
4 traditional kapu system, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was trained from  
5 earliest childhood for a life of service to the high chiefs;  
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8 WHEREAS, at the age of ten he was taken to Honolulu by  
9 his uncle Papa, a kahu, or attendant, of Kamehameha I, to  
10 become a companion and personal attendant to Liholiho, later  
11 King Kamehameha II; and

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13 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was close to Liholiho during the  
14 young heir's instruction in the conduct of government and  
15 ancient religious rites; and

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17 WHEREAS, after the death of Liholiho, 'Ī'Ī continued to  
18 serve the rulers of Hawaii, and throughout his life he was in  
19 constant contact with the political, religious, and social  
20 concerns of the court; and

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22 WHEREAS, John Papa 'Ī'Ī was among the first Hawaiians to  
23 study reading and writing with the missionaries, yet although  
24 he adopted Christian teachings, he retained a profound love  
25 and respect for the culture of his ancestors; and

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27 WHEREAS, among his many duties, 'Ī'Ī served as a general  
28 superintendent of Oahu schools and was an influential member  
29 in the court of Kamehameha III; and

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31 WHEREAS, in 1842, he was appointed by the King to the  
32 Treasury Board, served as a member of the Privy Council, and  
33 in 1845, was appointed to the Board of Land Commissioners; and

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35 WHEREAS, in 1852, 'Ī'Ī represented the House of Nobles in  
36 the drafting of the Constitution, and he served from 1846 to



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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