



March 26, 2008

Representative Jerry Chang, Chair, and Members
Committee on Legislative Management
House of Representative
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Chang and Members:

Subject: H.C.R. No. 101, Relating to recognizing Patsy Takemoto Mink for championing the cause of equity in athletics and education on behalf of all women in the United States

I am Jim Donovan, Director of Athletics for the University of Hawaii at Manoa. My tenure as Director of Athletics began four days ago (March 24, 2008), however I previously served in a management capacity for University of Hawaii at Manoa athletics for 17 years, from 1985 until 2002.

I strongly support H.C.R. No. 101, relating to recognizing Patsy Takemoto Mink for championing the cause of equity in athletics and education on behalf of all women in the United States.

Clearly, Title IX, the federal law championed by Patsy Takemoto Mink, has been an outstanding success in assisting women in participating in sports at the high school and collegiate levels.

For University of Hawaii athletics, our marked success in women's athletics can clearly be traced to Patsy Mink's leadership and vision regarding equal opportunities for women in sports. Wahine Volleyball's four national championships; our softball programs participation in the NCAA super regionals last year; and our recent 2008 NCAA women's diving champion would not have been possible if not for the efforts of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our women's athletic programs, but even prouder that the woman that championed the path to their success was Hawaii's very own U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink!

Speaking on behalf of the University of Hawaii at Manoa athletics department, we strongly support H.C.R. No. 101, relating to recognizing Patsy Takemoto Mink for championing the cause of equity in athletics and education on behalf of all women in the United States.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jim Donovan
Director of Athletics

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR101 & HR83

I support HCR101 & HR83, RECOGNIZING PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK FOR CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF EQUITY IN ATHLETICS AND EDUCATION ON BEHALF OF ALL WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES, as these resolutions truly recognize the late Congresswoman who co-authored Title IX in 1972 and it is now known as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal opportunity in Education Act."

Today, we have greater gender parity in schools and universities in athletics because of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

I ask that you pass these resolutions to recognize and honor Hawaii's own Patsy Takemoto Mink and a part our progressive U.S. History as Title IX or the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act" which shall continue to seek equality for female and male athletics in our schools and universities.

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