
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ISSUE A
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP HONORING PRINCE JONAH KUHIO
KALANIANAOLE.

1 WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole, known as the last
2 Prince of the Hawaiian Monarchy, was the son of High Chief David
3 Kahalepouli Piikoi and Princess Victoria Kuhio Kinoiki Kekaulike
4 and great-grandson of Kaumualii, the last reigning chief of the
5 island of Kauai; and

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7 WHEREAS, Kuhio was born on March 26, 1871, at Hoai, Kualu
8 in the Koloa district of the island of Kauai; and

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10 WHEREAS, his mother and father both died when he was still
11 very young, Kuhio and his brothers were adopted by their aunt,
12 Kapiolani, who was the wife of Kalakaua; and

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14 WHEREAS, King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani ascended to
15 their thrones in 1874, and thirteen-year-old Jonah Kuhio
16 Kalanianaole and his brothers were subsequently made Princes by
17 royal decree in 1884; and

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19 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio was very well trained and educated
20 both at home and abroad in England; and

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22 WHEREAS, upon the death of the Prince's uncle, King
23 Kalakaua, the King's sister Liliuokalani ascended the throne,
24 and upon doing so, named the young Prince as an heir; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 1893, Queen Liliuokalani was illegally
27 overthrown by a group of foreign businessmen; and

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29 WHEREAS, in support of his aunt, the Queen, Prince Kuhio
30 joined with a group of Hawaiian Nationals and Loyalists in an
31 attempt to return the Queen to the throne and was subsequently
32 arrested and imprisoned for treason; and
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1 WHEREAS, at the same time that the Queen was released from
2 imprisonment, Prince Kuhio was also released and pardoned on all
3 charges; and
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5 WHEREAS, after Hawaii's annexation to the United States and
6 the subsequent passage of the Organic Act, in 1902 Prince Kuhio
7 was persuaded to accept the Republican Party's nomination as a
8 delegate to Congress; and
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10 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio won his first bid for election to
11 Congress, and many more thereafter, serving as Hawaii's delegate
12 from 1903 to 1921; and
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14 WHEREAS, his keen wit and ready good humor made him well
15 liked by his fellow Hawaiians and fellow legislators in
16 Washington, D.C.; and
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18 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio earned great respect for his
19 commitment and staunch support of the native Hawaiian people,
20 for whom he worked tirelessly; and
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22 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio made great achievements in his nearly
23 twenty years in Congress, including securing Kalaupapa Leper
24 Settlement as a territorial institution, establishing county
25 governments, developing Pearl Harbor, and advocating for passage
26 of the Hawaiian Rehabilitation Act and the Hawaiian Homes
27 Commission Act; and
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29 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio endeavored to restore native
30 Hawaiians' pride in their race by re-organizing the Royal Order
31 of Kamehameha I and organizing the Hawaiian Civic Club, both of
32 which are still very active organizations, and including civic
33 clubs that have been established across the United States to
34 address the concerns of native Hawaiians; and
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36 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio died at his home on Waikiki Beach on
37 January 7, 1922 at the age of fifty; and
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39 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio, the last designated heir to the
40 Hawaiian throne, was given the last state funeral held in Hawaii
41 for an alii and is buried at Mauna Ala (Royal Mausoleum) in
42 Nuuanu Valley amongst numerous other members of the Hawaiian
43 Monarchy; and
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1 WHEREAS, upon his death, the Governor of the Territory of
2 Hawaii proclaimed that Prince Kuhio was sincere, loyal, and
3 courageous and possessed a unique, distinctly Hawaiian kindness
4 of heart that is identified, interpreted, and glorified in
5 Hawaii's Aloha; and

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7 WHEREAS, Kuhio Park in Koloa, Kauai, was dedicated to and
8 named for him in 1928, only six years after his passing; and

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10 WHEREAS, numerous places, including schools, roads, parks,
11 housing developments, and a federal building, have all been
12 named for Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 1949, the territorial Legislature passed a
15 resolution marking March 26th as a holiday honoring Prince
16 Kuhio, which has now become a State holiday known as "Kuhio
17 Day"; and

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19 WHEREAS, in 2002, a statue in Prince Kuhio's likeness was
20 erected on Waikiki Beach to honor Prince Kuhio; and

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22 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio is fondly remembered as "Ke Alii
23 Makaanana" (The Citizen Prince); now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
27 that this body, in recognition of the work and achievements of
28 Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole as a representative and
29 supporter of the native Hawaiian people and his significance in
30 Hawaiian history as the last designated heir to the Hawaiian
31 throne, therefore encourages and requests that the United States
32 Postal Service issue a commemorative stamp honoring Prince Jonah
33 Kuhio Kalaniana'ole; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Postmaster
37 General, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal
38 Service, the Chair of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of
39 the United States Postal Service, the District Manager of the
40 United States Postal Service for the District of Hawaii, the
41 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Hawaiian Civic Club of
42 Honolulu, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Princess
43 Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa.