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Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
Representative Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
And Committee Members on Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives, 2009 Legislature Session
State of Hawaii

Subject: HCR 150, HR 121, Urging The President Of The United States
And The United States Congress To Adopt The United Nations
Declaration On The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples, SUPPORT

ALOHA Kakou,

My name is Richard Pomaikaiokalani Kinney. On January 17, 1993 after reading Public Law 103-150 I renounced my citizenship to the United States. I come here today as a Hawaiian Nationalist of the Hawaiian Kingdom. I strongly support the restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom government that was invaded and occupied thru an Act of War on January 16, 1893 with the involvement of the United States.

As Sovereign of the Hawaiian Political Action Council of Hawaii, I strongly SUPPORT the passage of HCR 150 and HR 121.


Prior to the passage of the Declaration On The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples the Declaration of Human Rights passed by the United Nations did not recognized the Indegenous People of the world as Human Beings.

This is why it was so important that the United Nations passed its Declaration On The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples. After its passage of the Declaration the Indigenous Peoples of the world are now recognized with full rights as Human Being in the Declaration of Human Rights.

Mahalo Nui for allowing me to give testimony on these Resolutions.

Attachment: Renouncement Documents

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the past 6 years. In some instances, key non-profit associations have been part of the NHA planning process and yet failed to inform local stakeholders in the communities which they serve.

- 9. **The process itself has not been inclusive:** A key requirement of the proposed NHA designation is that the local community supports the designation and the boundaries of the proposed heritage area. Besides the arts groups which comprise the coalition there has been little effective effort to inform the affected community. Known community stakeholders were not informed of the process until after legislation was introduced at the national level. Many community stakeholders who will be affected by this legislation know little or nothing about it.

* Language from the Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area Suitability/Feasibility Study, in reference to "section e" above: "In addition to the further compilation of existing data, additional field surveys of the many residential and mixed-use areas within the proposed NHA will also be required. This will include individual evaluations of houses and small businesses in Palama, Liliha, Kaka'ako and especially Kalihi, all of which have many remaining examples of modest frame houses, buildings, housing manufacturing and repair shops and simple concrete block and frame shops and mixed-use buildings." (Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area Suitability/Feasibility Study, p. 54).

"The HCC envisions...potential designation of residential and mixed-use areas either as state or National register properties ... (Ibid, p. 62).

I believe every effort should be made to seek the WITHDRAW of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation for the Hawaii Capitol National Heritage Area and request the WITHDRAW of Federal Legislation introduced as S.359 and H.R.1297 that seeks to establish the Hawai'i Capital National Heritage Area and for other purposes. Therefore, I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HR183 and HCR213.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

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Hearing: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in Conf. Rm 329

To: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
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The JACL Hawai'i, Honolulu Chapter strongly supports HCR 150, urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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The Honolulu Chapter is a staunch supporter of the human and civil rights of Native Hawaiians, including their right to self-determination. Just as the Hawai'i legislature has done, the Honolulu Chapter recognizes Native Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawai'i. The Honolulu Chapter of the JACL also recognizes Native Hawaiians as aboriginal, indigenous and Kanaka Maoli. As such, Native Hawaiians occupy a unique position in the society that now calls Hawai'i home. That position is based on a political history that was once guided by an independent Kingdom, recognized in the international community of nations, that was forcibly displaced in 1893. Therefore, we urge your support of HCR 150. Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this resolution.

Sincerely,

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