

LATE TESTIMONY



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
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SUPPORT

TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI KHAN, PRESIDENT IN SUPPORT OF

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 URGING THAT PORTRAITS OF OFFICIALS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF HAWAI'I BE REMOVED FROM DISPLAY IN POSITIONS OF HONOR IN STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

COMMITTEE ON HAWAII AFFAIRS

Hearing date, time, location: Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 10:00 a.m.,
Room 329

Aloha, Representative Mele Carroll, Chair, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and members,

We write to support House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, which resolves that, "the Senate concurring, that officials of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Hawai'i state government are urged to remove all portraits of officials of the Provisional Government from display in positions of honor in Hawai'i's state government buildings"; and that, "this Concurrent Resolution is not intended to bring about the removal of portraits that are an integral element of exhibits, such as those in public museums or schools, that are intended to educate the public about the history of Hawai'i as opposed to honoring or appearing to honor certain persons for their role in that history."

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has passed several resolutions regarding the overthrow. In particular, we recall resolution 03-10, Honoring Queen Lili'uokalani and the Men and Women of the Hui Aloha 'Aina (Hawaiian Patriotic League) For Their Contribution to the Continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Besides acknowledging the illegal actions of the Provisional Government, passage of this H.C.R. 8 will bring voice to these ancestors, those naturalized subjects and residents, by word and action, who supported Queen Lili'uokalani in her efforts to prevent the annexation of the Hawaiian Kingdom to the United States, and affixed their signatures to the Ku'e petitions of 1897.

We urge passage of H.C.R. 8.

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Comments:

In 1893, foreigners orchestrated the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy and the self-governing communities in Hawai'i, the provisional government actively opposed the use of Hawaiian language in all public arenas and Hawaiian-language schools were cut off from government support. The self-serving officials in the provisional government began to name streets, companies, parks, and public facilities after their friends and themselves. The use of personal names to name places was unheard of in Hawai'i. Places used to be named after specific geographical features, plants, and/or actions. This process of naming recognized the importance of ever-changing personal relationships, stories and histories about each place. ("Place Names of Hawaii" by Mary Kawena Pukui, Samuel H Elbert and Esther T. Mookini. 1966.)

We should not only remove the pictures of those associated with the Provisional Government, but remove the names of all those individuals associated with the Provisional Government of Hawai'i from any streets, parks, and public facilities, including but not limited to: Sanford B. Dole, Lorrin A. Thurston, John L. Stevens, William C. Wilder, William R. Castle, Charles L. Carter, Joseph Marsden, John W. Foster, William DeWitt Alexander, Samuel Mills Damon, Sereno E. Bishop, W. Richards, Richard Armstrong, John Sherman, Francis March Hatch, William A. Kinney, Henry Waterhouse, W. O. Smith, A. F. Judd, P. C. Jones, J.W. Jones, Cecil Brown, C. Bolte, John Emmeluth, J.H. Soper, F.S. Lyman, W. A. Whiting, and President William McKinley. Appropriate names in the Hawaiian language shall be substituted after consultation with the Hawaiian community.