



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 109, SD1(SSCR3388)

HONORING UNITES STATES PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE HAWAIIAN MONARCHY AND EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, BY REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII, CITY AND COUNT OF HONOLULU, COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF KAUAI ND COUNTY OF HAWAII TO NAME A STATE OR COUNTY PROPERTY IN HIS NAME, AND REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO COMMISSION, PURCHASE, OR PARTNER WITH ANOTHER ENTITY TO CREATE OR OBTAIN A WORK OF ART, WHETHER VISUAL OR LITERARY, IN HIS NAME

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE & THE ARTS**

Friday, April 20, 1012; 10:00 am; Room 312

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano of the House Hawaiian Affairs Committee, Madam Chair Wooley of the House Committee on Culture and The Arts and members of the joint committee.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is pleased to support this resolution. Twenty years ago our current First Vice President, Annelle Amaral, was the House Majority Floor Leader and assisted the Hawaiian Civic Clubs in the facilitation of a stone monument to President Grover Cleveland. It is a tangible commemoration of Cleveland's just treatment toward the Hawaiian Kingdom, and the respectful courtesies he and his wife provided to Queen Liliuokalani when she was in Washington, D.C.

It was Cleveland's action that assured there is no treaty of annexation, as he bluntly cautioned the Congress against the taking of Hawaii, and sent an investigator to document the situation. James Blount's investigation is an invaluable historical record of America's duplicity. It was Cleveland's successor, President William McKinley, who successfully used an illegal tactic to annex Hawaii still honored by the United States.

LATE TESTIMONY

We appreciate that the historic background included in Standing Committee Report 3060 provides a proper context for a memorial for President Cleveland. We regret that there are streets named for presidents Coolidge and Harding – men who could have assisted, but held back support of Delegate Kalanianaʻole in his quest to help his people. Schools are named for presidents and historic figures that did irreparable harm to the Hawaiian Kingdom – a high school is named for Theodore Roosevelt who was a Secretary of the Navy in 1898, and the worst insult of all, McKinley High School, to honor the man who presided over the theft of a nation by receiving it from the thieves. Clearly, these landmarks speak volumes to the administration of the Territorial government of the time.

Rendered obscure by the writers of Hawaii's history, a tribute to Grover Cleveland by the State of Hawaii is long overdue. When a government sponsored memorial finally becomes a reality, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs will join other Native Hawaiians in honor of Grover Cleveland, the man that so many writers of Hawaiian history tried to ignore.

We urge the passage of this resolution.

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