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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Aloha Order of Merit,
DANIEL KAHIKINA AKAKA**

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

March 30, 2012

1:15 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Daniel Kahikina Akaka as a member of the Aloha Order of Merit.

Throughout Mr. Akaka's career in public service, he has demonstrated the Aloha Spirit in his commitment to bettering the State. Mr. Akaka's service to our nation in the United States Army, his service to the children of Hawai'i as an educator, his efforts to abate poverty as the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and his unwavering devotion to the people of Hawai'i as a legislator have brought a tremendous amount of honor to Mr. Akaka, his family, and the people of the State of Hawai'i.

Moreover, as America's first Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry, Mr. Akaka has integrated Native Hawaiian values at the highest level of government and consistently advocated for justice for Native Hawaiians. Mr. Akaka's distinguished service and leadership make him highly deserving of induction into the Aloha Order of Merit.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS SCR 116. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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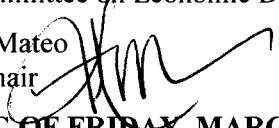


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March 27, 2012

TO: The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

FROM: Danny A. Mateo
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 116, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF DANIEL KAHIKINA AKAKA TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to approve the selection of Daniel Kahikina Akaka to be inducted into the Aloha Order of Merit.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Daniel Kahikina Akaka, the United States' first Senator of Hawaiian ancestry, and the only Chinese American member of the Senate, epitomizes Hawaii's history and multicultural society.
2. Well-known as champion of the "Akaka Bill", Senator Akaka speaks for the rights of indigenous peoples. He continues to promote dialogue and reconciliation between Native Hawaiians and the Federal Government, and to heighten awareness of the rights and circumstances of indigenous peoples in the United States and worldwide.
3. Senator Akaka has received national recognition for his extraordinary service to the State of Hawaii. It is, therefore, fitting that Daniel Kahikina Akaka be inducted into the Aloha Order of Merit.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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TO: Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
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FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member, East Maui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Carroll", is written over the printed name and title.

DATE: Friday, March 30, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT SCR 116, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF DANIEL KAHIKINA
AKAKA TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT**

I support SCR 116 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.