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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOLIDAYS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Fred Korematsu, a Japanese American, was living  
2 on the west coast of the United States during World War II, when  
3 he was arrested and convicted of defying government orders to  
4 report to an internment camp. He appealed and lost his case at  
5 the United States Supreme Court, which ruled his incarceration  
6 was warranted. Forty-one years later, on November 10, 1983,  
7 United States District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel vacated  
8 Korematsu's conviction, an action considered pivotal in civil  
9 rights history.

10           The purpose of this Act is to establish a day, each year,  
11 to recognize Fred Korematsu and his pivotal role in standing-up  
12 for the civil rights of all Americans, and particularly those of  
13 Japanese ancestry.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
15 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
16 read as follows:

17           "§8-       Fred Korematsu day.   January thirtieth shall be  
18 known and designated as "Fred Korematsu Day" to celebrate,



1 honor, and encourage public education and awareness of Fred  
2 Korematsu and his commitment to preserving civil liberties for  
3 Americans of Japanese ancestry and actions to promote equal  
4 rights for all citizens. This day is not and shall not be  
5 construed as a state holiday."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 856

**Report Title:**

'Fred Korematsu Day; Established

**Description:**

Establishes January 30 of each year as "Fred Korematsu Day" to celebrate, honor, raise awareness, and educate about Fred Korematsu and his commitment to preserving civil liberties.

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