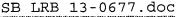
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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,





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- 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.

INTRODUCED BY:

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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