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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE, WHEN APPROPRIATE, ROUTE 200 ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII AS THE DANIEL K. INOUE LEGACY HIGHWAY.

1 WHEREAS, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye was born in
2 Hawaii on September 7, 1924; and
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4 WHEREAS, Senator Daniel K. Inouye volunteered for combat
5 with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, earning several
6 honors, including the bronze star, the purple heart, and the
7 medal of honor; and
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9 WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged with the rank of
10 captain, Senator Daniel K. Inouye was elected to the United
11 States House of Representatives in 1959 and subsequently to the
12 United States Senate in 1962; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 2009, Senator Daniel K. Inouye became
15 chairperson of the United States Senate Appropriations
16 Committee; and
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18 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Senator Daniel K. Inouye
19 was Senate President Pro Tempore, having achieved the
20 distinction of being the second longest serving United States
21 senator during his fifty-year tenure with the United States
22 Senate; and
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24 WHEREAS, Senator Daniel K. Inouye helped to create a
25 roadmap of success for Hawaii infrastructure by obtaining much
26 needed federal funds for Hawaii projects; and
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28 WHEREAS, Route 200, known locally as Saddle Road, traverses
29 the width of the Island of Hawaii, from downtown Hilo to its
30 junction with Hawaii Route 190 near Waimea; and
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32 WHEREAS, currently, the jurisdiction of Route 200 is
33 unsettled, with the federal government, the State, and the
34 County of Hawaii all having interests in various sections of the
35 road as improvements are made and repairs are completed; and



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2 WHEREAS, upon completion of the improvements and repairs,
3 the State will have sole jurisdiction over Route 200; and
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5 WHEREAS, the completion of Route 200 serves to represent
6 both literally and symbolically the work of the late Senator
7 Daniel K. Inouye—the physical bridging together of East and West
8 Hawaii and the bridging of the bonds between people, local and
9 from the mainland, and at the federal, state, county, and
10 private sector levels, with the aim of completing a single civic
11 goal; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
15 that the Department of Transportation is requested to recognize
16 the significant accomplishments of the late Senator Daniel K.
17 Inouye by designating Route 200, also known as Saddle Road, as
18 the Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Highway; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
22 Transportation, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and the
23 Director of the County of Hawaii Department of Public Works.
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