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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

April 7, 2014

The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawai'i State House of Representatives

**RE: Support for SCR 88**  
**Approving the Selection of Danny Kaleikini to be Inducted into the Aloha Order of Merit**

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members,

I heartily endorse Danny "Kaniela" Kaleikini for induction as a member of the Aloha Order of Merit. People hear his rich voice raised in Hawaiian melody and in authentic welcoming oli to kama'aina and visitors to our Islands. He embodies the meaning of Aloha by affecting local and international audiences with his singing, storytelling, and warm conversation.

Danny grew up selling newspapers, shining shoes, and giving the money earned to his mother to feed their large Papakōlea 'Ohana. He and his family knew the value of hard work and were grateful to Akua for what they had. He grew to an international musical star, performing across the country and in many foreign lands. Danny Kaleikini selflessly donates his time and talent for community events and charity drives.

Kaniela, the "Ambassador of Aloha," is known for his love of God and people of the world. Growing up, he faced challenges, but later performed for an English Queen, Presidents of the United States, and became friends with international celebrities because of his love of people. Kaniela never forgets to be grateful and humble.

Danny conveys honesty and humility wherever he journeys. People recognize his trademark sound even from a distance. He comforts people with his smile and embrace, making them friends after just a few minutes.

Danny Kaleikini cares for the poor and gives opportunity to those without opportunity. For his grace, strength and love, we are better for knowing him. I'm proud to be his friend and pleased to endorse his deserved membership in the Aloha Order of Merit.

Aloha nui loa,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tulsi Gabbard".

Tulsi Gabbard  
Member of Congress (HI-02)

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Dear Rep. Faye Hanahano and Members:

Danny Kaleikini has been a longtime supporter of the March of Dimes and our mission to improve the health of Hawaii's keiki. It is with deep appreciation that the March of Dimes Foundation, Hawaii Chapter, offers its support of SCR 88, Approving the Selection of Danny Kaleikini to be Inducted into the Aloha Order of Merit.

Mother Teresa once said, "Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love." Anyone who has spent even a little time with Danny Kaleikini knows that this statement by Mother Teresa describes him perfectly. In his knowingness of "Aloha ke kahi i ke kahi" ("Love is everywhere. Love is where you find it. It comes from the Pu'uwai, the heart.), Danny brings love and joy to everyone he touches.

This honor is well deserved for Hawaii's Ambassador of Aloha.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Carmella Hernandez  
State Director





## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

#### SCR88 APPROVING THE SELECTION OF DANNY KALEIKINI TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT

Wednesday, April 09, 2014; 10:00 am; Room 325

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, vice chair Cullen and members of the Committee. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs pleased to support the induction of Danny Kaleikini into the Aloha Order of Merit.

It is only fitting that “Mr. Aloha” himself, Danny Kaleikini, receive the Aloha Order of Merit in recognition of his lifetime achievements as an entertainer, philanthropist and humanitarian who has always represented Hawaii and the Hawaiian culture with honor and respect.

We urge the passage of this measure to induct Danny Kaleikini into the Aloha Order of Merit as well deserved and urge Governor Abercrombie to take the next step of induction honors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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April 6, 2014

Dear Representative Faye P. Hanohano and Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

RE: SCR 88  
(SSCR3153)

Years ago, I was privileged to be in charge of the Hawaii Newspaper Agency and the Star-Bulletin.

During my time in Hawaii, I got to know, respect and admire Danny Kaleikini. Not just for entertainment he provided at the Kahala Hilton but for the numerous kind deeds he performed on a daily basis...unbeknownst to many. However, both newspapers found out about most of them...after the fact.

While I've been gone for a number of years, I have ardently tried to stay in touch with the many friends that were made and maintained. Along these lines, I became aware that your Committee would be making a decision to induct Danny into the Aloha Order Of Merit. I'm confident that you will hear many of the same phrases to describe Danny and that says a lot about who he is and has been perceived. To be honest, the resolution that I read sounded like it was written just for Danny!

As I've grown older and my eyesight worsened, a much clearer view of my personal values and memories come into focus. Those values are in the people like Danny that I've known along the way. For me, Danny represents a time and place that can't be recaptured but will long be remembered. Maya Angelo made reference to: People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel. That speaks volumes for Danny but the fact is that people haven't forgotten what he said, they haven't forgotten what he did and certainly haven't forgotten how he's made them feel. That in itself is a pretty good legacy.

My hope is that you will induct Hawaii's Ambassador of Aloha into the Aloha Order Of Merit.

Sincerely,

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and President & CEO Gannett Pacific  
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Lela M. Hubbard	Na Koa Ikaika	Support	Yes

Comments: Danny Kaleikini, an admirable and hard-working po'e Hawaii, is the epitome of the Aloha Spirit. Mahalo for the myriad of friends world-wide that you gathered for us. Mahalo for the many causes you have supported that have made Hawaii a better place. You have helped maintain the magic of Hawaii. Aloha no, Lela M.Hubbard 99-407 Aiea Hgts. Drive, Aiea, HI 96701

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## **IN SUPPORT Of SCR 88**

### **Testimony of Leimana DaMate**

Before the House Committee on  
Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs  
Wednesday, April 09, 2014  
10:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

### **APPROVING THE SELECTION OF DANNY KALEIKINI TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 88 calls for the approval of Danny Kaleikini to be inducted into the Aloha Order of Merit which honors individuals that have achieved national or international recognition in their field and devoted themselves to the betterment of the State, embodying the concept of the Aloha Spirit.

On behalf of my 'ohana we strongly support this measure. We have known Danny Kaleikini since he began his career as a young man. Mr. Kaleikini began his career as a young man working alongside my grandfather, Ray Kinney who was also a respected Native Hawaiian musician and entertainer in the hospitality field.

Mr. Kaleikini used his incredible talent to keep the cultural identity of the Native Hawaiian the focus of his career. Always, where ever he went, he took us all with him and in doing so, made sure that he honored his kupuna and his heritage. He has carried the 'ike of our people and in spite of the pressures and challenges inherent in his career he remained humble, compassionate and always always embodied the true meaning of aloha with dignity.

We are extremely proud of Danny Kaleikini. He is close to the hearts of my family and Native Hawaiians everywhere. We humbly ask that you pass this measure.

Respectfully yours,

Leimana DaMate

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Testimony of  
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On

**S.C.R. 88**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SELECTION OF DANNY  
KALEIKINI TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT**

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs (OMH)  
Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
10 a.m.  
Conference Room 325

I wholeheartedly support S.C.R. 88 which approves the selection of Danny Kaleikini to the Aloha Order of Merit.

For decades, as an entertainer, musician and community advocate Danny Kaleikini has embodied the aloha spirit, sharing his talents and passion for the Hawaiian culture with both residents and visitor from across the globe.

Affectionately known as Hawaii's "Ambassador of Aloha," Danny Kaleikini's career has been dedicated to our Hawaiian Island through his gift of music. Upon his retirement in 1995, after spending more than 30 years at the former Kahala Hilton, Danny Kaleikini continues to entertain on special occasions and dedicates his time serving on numerous charitable organizations and raising funds for local charities.

Affectionately known as Hawaii's "Ambassador of Aloha," Danny Kaleikini embodies the aloha spirit and remains devoted to providing extraordinary service to the state of Hawaii. I believe he will be an outstanding inductee to the Aloha Order of Merit.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of S.C.R. 88.

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