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To: HWN/TEC
For hearing Monday March 24, 2014

Re: SCR 47 / SR 21
RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHAI DAY, OR
RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE
JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN
LILI'UOKALANI.

Testimony in opposition

How interesting to choose January 17 as the date for Reconciliation Day!

There will never be reconciliation until ethnic Hawaiian activists can reconcile themselves to the fact that the monarchy truly was overthrown in the Hawaiian revolution of January 17, 1893; that ex-queen Lili'uokalani personally signed a letter of abdication and an oath of loyalty to the Republic of Hawaii in 1895; that there was indeed a Treaty of Annexation offered by Hawaii in 1897 and accepted by the

U.S. in 1898; that Hawaii is legitimately the 50th State of the USA; and that everyone born in Hawaii, including themselves, is a citizen of the United States.

SR21 and SCR47 are factually incorrect when they refer to the "nonviolence of Queen Lili'uokalani."

(1) In 1889 Liliuokalani backed a violent military coup against King Kalakaua led by Robert Wilcox, which would have overthrown her brother Kalakaua and would have made herself reigning monarch. Seven men were killed, and part of the roof was blown off the Palace bungalow (a guesthouse and servants' quarters) by a hand grenade. Lili'uokalani gave Wilcox free use of one of her houses for the coup-plotters to hold their meetings. Wilcox was placed on trial but acquitted by an all-native jury, despite overwhelming evidence (similar to the O.J. Simpson murder trial). Crown Princess Lili'uokalani was an unindicted co-conspirator in treason and murder.

(2) In Summer and Fall of 1893 U.S. Minister Albert Willis, the envoy of President Grover Cleveland, tried to put Lili'uokalani back on the throne. He met with Lili'uokalani repeatedly during Summer and Fall and proposed to her that if she would agree to give amnesty to the revolutionaries who had overthrown her, then he (Willis) would take that offer of amnesty to the leaders of the revolutionary Provisional Government to ask them to step down and reinstate her as Queen. When Willis asked her whether she would agree to those terms, she refused and said she would behead Dole and the revolutionaries and confiscate their property. She made that refusal and threat of beheading on three separate occasions, as written in a daily logbook kept by Willis. So of course Willis could not propose such a scenario to the Provisional Government. At the last moment, in December 1893, when the ship carrying her message of refusal was ready to sail to America, she sent a note to say she would agree to Willis' idea; but it was too late. Her bloodthirstiness and demand for revenge had cost her the cooperation of Willis who wanted to help her regain the throne;

and events in Washington between President Cleveland and the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs foreclosed any effort at mediation.

(3) In 1895 Liliuokalani once again supported the use of violence in the attempted counterrevolution by Robert Wilcox in which men were killed. Guns and bombs were hidden in the flower bed at her home (Washington Place). She had already written letters of appointment for cabinet ministers and department heads in her anticipated new government. Historian Gavan Daws describes it this way (Gavan Daws, "Shoal of Time" Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1974, pp. 282-283): "The grounds of her home at Washington Place were searched, and in the garden the searchers found what they were looking for -- a regular ammunition dump; twenty-one bombs, some of them made with coconut shells; more than thirty rifles; thirty-eight cartridge belts and about a thousand rounds of ammunition; and some pistols and swords." She said she knew nothing about it. Convicted felons often say such things! She was living in that house at the time the weapons were placed in the flower bed, and could not have missed seeing and hearing what was happening, and noticing that the yard had been dug up. Another way we know she knew about the attempted counterrevolution was that she had already signed letters of appointment naming her new cabinet ministers to be installed as soon as Wilcox succeeded; the letters were found in her home and placed in evidence during her trial for misprision of treason.

Please vote NO on this resolution that would set aside a day devoted to so-called "reconciliation." This resolution has nothing to do with reconciliation. It's all about supporting a few diehard deadenders of the Hawaiian Kingdom who expect everyone else to kow-tow to their version of history. We're supposed to feel guilty for the events of the 1890s and beg for forgiveness. But instead, it is they who should beg for our forgiveness for continually sowing seeds of bitterness and racial hatred, and for trying to rip the 50th star off Old Glory.

From: [David Laeha](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: SR21
Date: Sunday, March 23, 2014 9:59:22 PM

To whom it may concern:

I applaud and respect people's desire to commemorate the life and legacy of the Queen. However to do so on the anniversary of her usurpation and somehow call it justice, reconciliation and nonviolent seems ironic and disingenuous. I do recall her plea to the Hawaiians to follow a path of non-violence and her hopes for justice and reconciliation. However, crown lands were taken away, the new government took over the courts, military and laws, lands were transferred to the US military, State, and federal governments, the Hawaiian language and dance were outlawed and on and on. How can we "commemorate" this usurpation date when no reconciliation of these injustices have been addressed? Of course the missionary churches stand in support of this resolution as "they came to do good and ended up doing well" in acquiring rich lands where their churches now stand.

The Queen would be in tears and let down by her people who would commemorate her overthrow and somehow call it justice and reconciliation. If we want to do something to commemorate the Queen, non-violence, justice and reconciliation, lets do it on her birthday and send a clear message that her dream for justice and reconciliation is still something Hawaiians are still seeking. We are not happy with the fact that even after 100 years of non-violent response, we are still lacking reconciliation and justice. I object to this proposed senate resolution and wish people would spend more time fixing the wrongs instead of proposing this type of resolution which makes it sound like there has been some type of justice or reconciliation which has actually occurred.

Lets do something the Queen would be proud of. Put this resolution to rest and get on with granting the requests of CNHA regarding the DHHL, approving the Akaka Bill with simple Recognition language which firms up the well known fact that Hawaiians have been "recognized" as a special class of indigenous people by senators, congress and the executive branch without the sunset provision so we can put race discrimination challenges behind us. Lets designate a land base on each island for Hawaiians to gather in solidarity so that the work of building a Hawaiian Nation can occur. Perhaps this Hawaiian Nation, grounded in aloha, can tackle the issues of education, healthcare, housing, environment, employment and others in ways which we might find better than the way we've been living under our colonizer's rules.

Respectfully,

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Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center

March 21, 2014

Testimony Pertaining to SR 21

To: The Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee
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From: Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, President, Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center
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Re: SR 21 – January 17th Hookeikahi Day

Thank you members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee for hearing this proposed resolution which acknowledges the demonstrated sentiments and commitments of many of Hawaii's community groups and organizations, including churches and religious entities, over the last 21 years, in regards to acknowledging the value of understanding the history pertaining to January 17th 1893, and January 17th 1993. Those two dates represent a span of 100 years which were commemorated in the light and wisdom, of the justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence of Queen Liliuokalani; whose statue stands boldly outside this State Capital with her back to the very same Iolani Palace of which she was deposed from her high position in government, and latter imprisoned to facilitate the eventual dispossession of the Hawaiian Islands as a free and independent Kingdom into a colony, territory, and latter 50th State of the United States of America. Facing the State Capital the sculptured form of the Queen's statue shadowed in darkness with her right hand outstretched beckons to this State government to never forget, and to govern wisely, with justice, and mercy.

That history of injustice and dispossession, pertaining to January 17th 1893, will always and forever be a dark cloud and a gray portrait of troubling times. There is no doubt that that historical pain and trauma to Hawaii's people, and the United States of America, will be perpetual, and this must be so, for to forget would lead us down a more treacherous path. But now, from that pain and trauma, that time of crisis and confusion, we must seek other stars, to help us navigate the waters ahead, from this we must now find ways to inspire hope and commitment, for today, and the many future generations, to strive for the summit, kulia i ka nuu, for fairer days, and the strong winds of a true and new vision of justice and mercy for na kanaka maoli and all people. It is the legacy of the Queen and the initiatives of the UCC and US Apology of 1993 that can help us as a society to have an anchor in the hope of reconciliation or Hookeikahi, and not in the bitter waters of the past. This term was given by Kumu John Lake for the first Hookeikahi commemoration of January 17th, 1994, held at Kawaihau Church. It is a term that is yet to be fully defined, and lived out, and accomplished if ever it shall be, but it calls to us now to move forward, to imua, to come together, to seek clarity, to be purposeful, to engage, and to develop the processes, and vision, needed to move forward in this direction.

Over the past year an effort to organize representatives of churches and community organizations who share this vision, has resulted in the formation of the Hawaii Reconciliation Committee (HRC), whose purpose will include the kuleana of commemorating January 17th every year as has been done for the last 21 years, in the community, with the historic churches, and in ways that build and create community, and promote the justice, reconciliation, and the nonviolence of the Queen. The passage of SR 21 would be an important affirmation of this new committee and commitment towards the development of the annual commemorations, and the committee developing other initiatives of reconciliation, related to process, education, and advocacy.

I urge your most prayerful consideration in the passage of this proposed resolution SR 21.

Mahalo

SR 21 RECONCILIATION DAY

E Mail Testimony of support sent to Kahu Kaleo Patterson

HWntestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 20th

Brother,

I'm in support of Reconciliation Day January 17 because I believe in the righteousness of our Queen.

Let me know how I can help.

Blessings,

Kahu Curt Kekuna

Kawaiaha'o Church

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March 21st

Hey Kaleo, I'm all in on this. Here's my on line testimony: I urge you to pass this measure. In a world of increasing fragmentation and violence, and given Hawaii's unique mixture of peoples, it is most appropriate to set aside one day per year to celebrate our unity in diversity, the glue of which is reconciliation, Thank you.

Father David Gierlach

St. Elizabeth's Church

March 21st

I am in total support of SR 21 Reconciliation Day, and am a member of the new Hawaii Reconciliation Center. We must take seriously the legacy of the Queen and through this resolution we can insure the perpetuation of this legacy of justice, reconciliation and nonviolence for future generations.

Kahu Mike Warren

Kalapana Maunakea Church

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical

State Council of Hawaiian Churches

From: [Rennie Mau](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#); [Kaleo Patterson](#)
Subject: email letter from Koolauhuiia Church regarding SR21
Date: Sunday, March 23, 2014 2:57:40 PM

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March 24, 2014

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SCR 47 / SR 21 – Recognizing January 17 of every year as Ho`oku`ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in Honor and Remembrance of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Lili`uokalani.

Aloha Senators,

My name is Rennie Mau and I am the pastor of Koolauhui'ia Protestant Church in Anahola, Kauai, Hawaii.

I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SCR 47/SR21, which seeks to recognize every January 17 as "Ho`oku`ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in Honor and Remembrance of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Lil'i'uokalani."

Our church is a member of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. Our denomination was a part of the 1993 Redress and Apology.

To designate the date of the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom as the day of Ho`oku`ikahi or Reconciliation Day, in order for Hawaii to formally and officially pay tribute to and to honor, and remember the justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence of Queen Lili`uokalani” is good. It expresses this body’s support for fairness and nonviolence as vital goals of all conflicts and misunderstandings.

We urge the Committees to pass this Resolution.

Mahalo,

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March 22, 2014

TO: RAYTON K. VARES, LEGISLATIVE AIDE
OFFICE OF THE STATE SENATOR, BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA

FROM: LEIMALAMA LEE LOY, IOLANI GUILD PRESIDENT
CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW, HONOLULU, HAWAII

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY ON S.R. NO. 21, **HO'OKU'IKAH** DAY

I am Leimalama Lee Loy, current President of Iolani Guild, a devotional and philanthropic Society in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, which celebrated its 150th year in 2013. I am here to fully support S.R. No. 21, "recognizing January 17 of every year as **Ho'oku'ikahi Day** or Reconciliation Day, in remembrance of Queen Liliuokalani."

Queen Liliuokalani was a strong and godly woman, remarkable, visionary, a humanitarian; she loved Hawaii, her Hawaiian people, with kindly grace, humility and compassion; a role model, who lived among her people, loyal to them and to her church. On May 18, 1896, our Queen was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Shortly thereafter, she became the permanent President of Iolani Guild until she died in 1917.

The Biblical Scriptures in Proverbs 31 asks the question, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" Among those I have selected are the following assets, which I feel describes our Queen well: " she seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands; she is like the merchant ships – she bringeth her food from afar; she spreadeth out her hand to the poor; yes, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy; strength and dignity are her clothing; and she laugheth at the time to come; she openeth her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue; favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but, a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised; **GIVE HER THE FRUIT OF HER HANDS; AND LET HER WORKS PRAISE HER IN THE GATES.**"

Having fully summarized my feelings about our Queen Liliuokalani in the above paragraphs, I again stress the need to fully support the purposes of Senate Resolution No. 21, in honor of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Liliuokalani. **HO'OKU'I KAH** DAY.

Me Kealoha Pumehana - Auntie Leimalama Lee Loy, March 22, 2014.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Cc: lisalaeha@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SR21 on Mar 24, 2014 14:55PM
Date: Monday, March 24, 2014 8:06:10 AM

SR21

Submitted on: 3/24/2014

Testimony for HWN/TEC on Mar 24, 2014 14:55PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank U for introducing this Resolution. I am supporting this Resolution with the intent of Honoring Hawaiians as a Cultural Island Nation & their/our last reigning monarch..whom were the First People's to inhabit these Most Precious & Magnificent Islands We call HAWAII. Because Hawaiians Nurtured & Cultivated these Islands & its People..MOSTLY HARMONIOUSLY...with the Islands' Natural Resources & Ecosystem..i Support Ho'oku'ikahi Day..Recognizing Queen Liliuokalani's Reconciliation & Non Violence...with the KNOWING...Hawaii will again find its PEACEFUL Balance & Harmony with its People..its LAND & the SEA. Mahalo Nui Loa, Lisa Mitchell

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From: [Oswald Stender](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Brickwood Galuteria](#); [Sen. Maile Shimabukuro](#); [Sen. Glenn Wakai](#); [Kaleo Patterson \(kaleop@gmx.com\)](#); [Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland](#)
Subject: SCR47/SR21
Date: Friday, March 21, 2014 2:19:37 PM

This email is to express my support for SCR47/SR21 to set aside January 17 as Reconciliation Day in honor of Hawaii's Queen Liliuokalani and to commemorate that infamous day to be remembered for time and eternity. Mahalo. O.K. Stender

From: [Maile Baird](#)
To: [Rennie Mau](#)
Cc: [HWNTestimony](#); [Kaleo Patterson](#)
Subject: Re: email letter from Koolauhuiia Church regarding SR21
Date: Sunday, March 23, 2014 9:24:32 PM

Mahalo for sending the letter on behalf
Of the church

Ke Akua pu,
Maile

On Mar 23, 2014, at 2:57 PM, Rennie Mau <kahumau@gmail.com> wrote:

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SCR 47 / SR 21 – Recognizing January 17 of every year as Ho`oku`ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in Honor and Remembrance of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Lili`uokalani.

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From: [John Heidel](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: Support of SR 21
Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:10:14 AM

Dear Sen. Shimabukuro,

This is written in strong support of SR 21 that will provide an annual Reconciliation Day in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Rev. Dr. John R. Heidel
Minister, United Church of Christ - (retired)
Former Chaplain of Punahou School - 1969-2001
Former President of The Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i - 2004-2012

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SCR 47 / SR 21 – *Recognizing January 17 of every year as Ho`oku`ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in Honor and Remembrance of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Lili`uokalani.*

DATE: Monday, March 24, 2014
TIME: 2:55 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224, Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha mai kakou Senators,

My name is Richard N. Salvador and I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **SCR 47/SR21**, which seeks to recognize every January 17 as "Ho`oku`ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in Honor and Remembrance of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Lili`uokalani."

I respect and honor what you seek to do with this Resolution and I commend you for your singleness of mind in doing so.

It has been 121 years since a reigning Monarch of this Country sought to defend her homeland; she did so without resorting to organized or mass violence. By doing so, Queen Lili`uokalani opted to preserve and protect the sanctity of life rather than commit soldiers to engage in a bloody conflict in which, being vastly outnumbered and outgunned, she would have lost to the invading armies of the USA. She resorted to appealing to prevailing moral standards of the time in order to claim her right to rule and eventually to restore her Government.

You, in this current Resolution, attempt to “resolve,” to come to a settlement and a consensus about what those events in Hawaiian history might mean to us today. By some dictionary meanings of “resolve,” you seek to “*deal with a question or controversy*

conclusively; to settle; to cause... to progress from a dissonance to a consonance; to determine; [and] to convert or transform [as] by a process..." No doubt all these have transpired in the past 121 years, and continue to be done. But total *conversion* or *transformation* has yet to take place or until some resolution of the events of 1893, in whatever forms those might be, come about. ***Notwithstanding, we must honor and remember the justice, reconciliation and nonviolence that inspired Queen Lili'uokalani.***

As the Resolution states, a recent President of the United States has acknowledged wrongdoings and offered formal apology for the Overthrow of the Queen's Kingdom and many organizations and churches have followed suit. Passing SR21 will begin to move disparate voices and competing claims on the different meanings of the Overthrow to a united position on justice and reconciliation from all of us who live in Hawaii today.

Designating the date of the Overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom as the day of Ho'okui'kahi or Reconciliation Day, in order for Hawaii to formally and officially pay tribute to and to honor, and remember the justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence of Queen Lili'uokalani" is good. It expresses this body's support for fairness and nonviolence as vital goals of all conflicts. It is the vital progression from a dissonance to a consonance. It is a preemptive action that claims the fruits of justice and fairness and rejects violence, grievance, and injury as foundation for our learning from the past and for the ways we resolve conflicts today. And it provides for some continuing Official recognition of the work that Pacific Justice & Reconciliation and other organizations do each year to commemorate the events of 1893 and to educate the peoples of Hawaii of their continuing significance in our lives today.

I respectfully urge the Committees to pass this Resolution. Mahalo for your attention.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Salvador
Pacific Justice & Reconciliation Center

From: [Sue Hasegawa](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: Support for SR 21
Date: Monday, March 24, 2014 6:17:21 AM

Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Chair of Hawaiian Affairs

This is testimony in support of SR 21 recognizing January 17 as a day honoring *justice, reconciliation and nonviolence* exemplified by Queen Lili`uokalani. I remember the anguish that I felt when I first read the Queen's Story in freshman in high school. I didn't know how to explain the awful pain in the pit of my stomach. It was years later that I realized that the word I wanted to express what I felt is anguish. The anguish actually never goes away but the acute pain of anger and sadness over the injustice subsided over the years. The actions of the United Church of Christ and President Clinton shine light in the direction of reconciliation. The nonviolence of our monarch points toward peaceful resolution. Ho`oku`ikahi Day or Reconciliation is a good day to remember justice, reconciliation and peace on earth for all.

From: [Travis Idol](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: testimony in support of SR21
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014 2:32:25 PM

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SR21 to set aside January 17 of every year as Reconciliation Day in honor of Queen Liliuokalani. Reconciliation is more than confession, more than forgiveness. It is an active effort to make things right, to repair relationships among affected parties. By having a day each year to remember what happened to the Hawaiian kingdom and to reflect on our continuing responsibility to seek restorative justice for Native Hawaiians, we will continue to engage in a process of reconciliation and nurture healthy relationships among all the people of Hawaii. For these reasons, among many others, I urge you to support SR21, as well.

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From: [wally inglis](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: S.R. No. 21
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:46:07 AM

To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Committee on Technology & the Arts

Re:

Chairs Shimabukuro and Wakai ... and Committee Members

I offer this testimony in strong support of SR 21, which would recognize January 17 as Ho'oku'ikahi, or Reconciliation Day, in remembrance of the Justice, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence of Queen Lili'uokalani.

In an age in which injustice, confrontation, and violence have become rampant in both public and private life, we need to reflect and act upon the ideals and virtues exemplified by Hawaii's last monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani.

The proposed date, January 17, is both appropriate and significant. It is close to the day on which we honor Martin Luther King, Jr.--another advocate of peace and justice whose life and work parallels that of our beloved Queen.

I urge you to look favorably upon this resolution and pass it on the full Senate for adoption.

Aloha!

Wally Inglis