
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS THE DANIEL K. INOUYE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

1 WHEREAS, Honolulu International Airport began operations in
2 1927 as the "John Rodgers Airport"; and
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4 WHEREAS, the "John Rodgers Airport" was renamed the
5 "Honolulu Airport" in 1947 to comport with the then existing
6 practice of changing names of airports to the name of the city
7 where the airport was located in order to eliminate confusion in
8 world-wide ticket sales and operational communications; and
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10 WHEREAS, the "Honolulu Airport" was renamed the "Honolulu
11 International Airport" in 1951 as it became the way station in
12 the middle of the Pacific Ocean for many transpacific flights;
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15 WHEREAS, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, decorated
16 veteran, distinguished United States Congressman and Senator,
17 and devoted son of the islands, recognized the importance of a
18 fully functional state airport system that connected the
19 individual Hawaiian Islands, connected Hawaii to the continental
20 United States, and connected Hawaii globally to the rest of the
21 world; and
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23 WHEREAS, through his leadership on the United States Senate
24 Commerce Committee and United States Senate Appropriations
25 Committee, Senator Daniel K. Inouye was instrumental in
26 marshalling extensive federal funds of about \$30,000,000
27 annually to maintain and develop necessary and essential airport
28 infrastructure; acquiring additional federal funding to build
29 new air traffic control facilities, improve runways and
30 taxiways, and install instrument landing systems for increased
31 visibility and safety; and upgrading Transportation Security
32 Administration security checkpoint facilities and equipment; and
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34 WHEREAS, the State should honor and preserve the legacy of
35 Senator Daniel K. Inouye's instrumental involvement in



1 developing Honolulu International Airport as the hub of inter-
2 island, transpacific, and global air travel; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2016, that the Department of Transportation is
7 requested to recognize the significant accomplishments and
8 contributions of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye by
9 designating the Honolulu International Airport as the Daniel K.
10 Inouye International Airport; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
14 Transportation, Administrator of the Federal Aviation
15 Administration, Governor, Director of Transportation, Mayor of
16 the City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the City and
17 County of Honolulu Department of Public Works.
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