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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the accomplishments
2 of the late United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink
3 left a lasting impression on the people of the State of Hawaii
4 and that Representative Mink deserves an appropriate memorial to
5 recognize her legacy. Born on December 6, 1927, Representative
6 Mink was raised in Paia on the island of Maui, graduating from
7 Maui High School as its valedictorian in 1944. She subsequently
8 attended the University of Hawaii, graduating in 1948 with a
9 bachelor's degree in zoology and chemistry with the intention of
10 attending medical school. Despite her stellar academic record,
11 she was refused admission to more than a dozen medical schools
12 because she was a woman. After her pursuit of a medical career
13 was denied, Representative Mink applied for, attended, and
14 graduated from the University of Chicago School of Law in 1951.
15 She was one of only two women in her class.

16 Representative Mink was elected to the Territorial
17 Legislature of Hawaii in 1956. In 1964, she was elected to the



1 United States House of Representatives. While serving in the
2 House of Representatives, she spearheaded legislation that would
3 become known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,
4 P.L. 92-318, which barred discrimination based upon sex in
5 educational programs receiving federal funding. Title IX opened
6 innumerable professional and athletic opportunities that were
7 previously denied to women and ensured that women would not
8 share Representative Mink's experience of being denied
9 educational opportunities based upon gender. Upon
10 Representative Mink's death in September 2002, Title IX was
11 renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act in
12 honor of her service on behalf of the people of Hawaii and women
13 across the United States.

14 In 2013, the legislature passed Act 134, Session Laws of
15 Hawaii 2013, which in part appropriated funds for the plans,
16 design, and construction of a new public high school in Kihei,
17 Maui.

18 The legislature further finds that there is currently a
19 school on Maui named Kihei Public Charter School, which operates
20 two campuses, one serving students in kindergarten through
21 eighth grade and the other serving students in ninth grade



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1 through twelfth grade. This school is commonly known as Kihei
 2 High School, and is referred to by that name in the Free
 3 Application for Federal Student Aid.

4 In November 2014, President Barack Obama awarded Patsy Mink
 5 the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian
 6 honor, in recognition of her efforts toward passing Title IX.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require the board of
 8 education to name the new public high school in Kihei, Maui, in
 9 honor of Representative Mink.

10 SECTION 2. The board of education shall name the new
 11 public high school in Kihei, Maui, the "Patsy Takemoto Mink
 12 South Maui High School" in honor of the late United States
 13 Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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