
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE SELECTION OF GEORGE RYOICHI ARIYOSHI TO BE
INDUCTED INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT.

1 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi embodies the Aloha Spirit,
2 actively demonstrating the values of akahai, lokahi, olu'olu,
3 ha'aha'a, and ahonui in his deeds and interactions with local,
4 national, and international leaders and in cross-cultural
5 friendships; and

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7 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi is a dedicated public
8 servant and educator, who served as the Lieutenant Governor of
9 the State from 1970 to 1974 and Governor of the State from 1974
10 to 1986; and

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12 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi is Hawaii's longest-
13 serving governor and the first Asian-American to be elected
14 governor of a United States state or territory; and

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16 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi received the high honor of
17 the Japanese government's Grand Cordon of the Sacred Treasure,
18 First Class; and

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20 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi contributed significantly
21 to international relations during his term on the East-West
22 Center Foundation Board of Directors; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature established the Aloha Order of
25 Merit in 1993 to honor certain individuals, and section 5-7.6,
26 Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides in relevant part that
27 "[h]onorees shall have:

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29 (1) Achieved national or international recognition in
30 their field either by a single event or by the
31 totality of their work that has been either pioneering



1 in their field or that has been outstanding in the
2 long-term; and

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- 4 (2) (A) Contributed to the attainment of statehood for
- 5 Hawaii;
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- 7 (B) Devoted themselves to the betterment of the
- 8 State, embodying the concept of the Aloha Spirit;
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- 10 (C) Provided extraordinary service to the State; or
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- 12 (D) Brought honor to the State"; and
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14 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi has achieved national and
15 international recognition as a statesman through the totality of
16 his work, which has been outstanding; and

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18 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi has devoted himself to the
19 betterment of the State while embodying the concept of the Aloha
20 Spirit, has provided extraordinary service to the State, and has
21 brought honor to the State; and

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23 WHEREAS, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi meets all requirements
24 necessary to be inducted as a member of the Aloha Order of
25 Merit; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
28 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
29 Representatives concurring, that the Legislature approves the
30 selection of George Ryoichi Ariyoshi to be inducted into the
31 Aloha Order of Merit; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the
35 Governor and former Governor George Ryoichi Ariyoshi.

