
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE NEW KIHEI
HIGH SCHOOL IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY
T. MINK.

1 WHEREAS, United States Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was born
2 Patsy Matsu Takemoto in 1927 in Paia, Maui, in the Territory of
3 Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, in her senior year at Maui High School,
6 Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was elected as the first female
7 student body president, and graduated as her class
8 valedictorian; and
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10 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink quickly rose to
11 national prominence as a barrier-breaker and dedicated champion
12 of equality; and
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14 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was elected to
15 Hawaii's territorial House of Representatives and then went on
16 to win election to the territorial Senate; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 1964, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink became the
19 first woman of color, first Asian-American woman, and only the
20 second woman from Hawaii to serve in the United States Congress;
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23 WHEREAS, in 1970, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink courageously
24 testified in opposition to President Richard Nixon's United
25 States Supreme Court nominee, citing his refusal to hear a case
26 about a woman who had been denied a job because she had young
27 children; and
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29 WHEREAS, while in the United States House of
30 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink introduced the
31 first comprehensive initiatives under the Early Childhood



1 Education Act, which included the first federal childcare bill,
2 and also worked on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
3 1965; and
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5 WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the
6 Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, otherwise
7 known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title
8 IX); and
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10 WHEREAS, Title IX, co-authored by Congresswoman Patsy T.
11 Mink in 1972, is but one jewel in the crown of her many shining
12 achievements; and
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14 WHEREAS, during her tenure in the United States House of
15 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink worked tirelessly
16 for the fundamental rights of and equity for women, children,
17 immigrants, and other disenfranchised people, especially in
18 educational settings; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is in the process of
21 building a new high school in Kihei to serve South Maui
22 families, located a short distance from where Congresswoman
23 Patsy T. Mink herself attended high school; and
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25 WHEREAS, given her extraordinary dedication to advocating
26 for educational equity and the overall well-being of children,
27 there would be no better way to honor the legacy of
28 Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink than to have an educational
29 institution in her birthplace bear her name; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
34 Education is requested to name the new Kihei High School in
35 honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
39 Education and Mayor of the County of Maui.

