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SENATE 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 the first female student
7 body president, and graduated as her class valedictorian; and
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9 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink quickly rose to
10 national prominence as a barrier-breaker and dedicated champion
11 of equality; and
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13 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was elected to
14 Hawaii's territorial House of Representatives and then went on
15 to win election to the territorial Senate; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 1964, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink became the
18 first woman of color, first Asian-American woman, and only the
19 second woman from Hawaii to serve in the United States Congress;
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22 WHEREAS, in 1970, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink courageously
23 testified in opposition to President Richard Nixon's United
24 States Supreme Court nominee, citing his refusal to hear a case
25 about a woman who had been denied a job because she had young
26 children; and
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28 WHEREAS, while in the United States House of
29 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink introduced the
30 first comprehensive initiatives under the Early Childhood
31 Education Act, which included the first federal childcare bill,
32 and also worked on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
33 1965; and
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1 WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the
2 Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, otherwise
3 known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title
4 IX); and
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6 WHEREAS, Title IX, co-authored by Congresswoman Patsy T.
7 Mink in 1972, is but one jewel in the crown of her many shining
8 achievements; and
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10 WHEREAS, during her tenure in the United States House of
11 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink worked tirelessly
12 for the fundamental rights of and equity for women, children,
13 immigrants, and other disenfranchised people, especially in
14 educational settings; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is in the process of
17 building a new high school in Kihei to serve South Maui
18 families, located a mere ten miles from where Congresswoman
19 Patsy T. Mink herself attended high school; and
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21 WHEREAS, given her extraordinary dedication to advocating
22 for educational equity and the overall well-being of children,
23 there would be no better way to honor the legacy of
24 Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink than to have an educational
25 institution in her birthplace bear her name; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
29 that the Department of Education is requested to name the new
30 Kihei High School in honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
34 Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui.
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OFFERED BY: 

