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Testimony for EDN on 3/24/2022 2:00:00 PM

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| Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D. | Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Although I do not have Japanese ancestry, I honor the memory of the 132 fallen U.S. soldiers, mostly of Japanese ancestry, who had been students at President McKinley High School, who died in World War 2 in service to our country; and I honor the name and statue of President McKinley which grace the school's beautiful campus. A gang of hate-America secessionists want to strip the McKinley name and statue because President McKinley worked hard to persuade Congress to agree to the Treaty of Annexation offered by the Republic of Hawaii. I am proud to be an American. Those soldiers were proud to be Americans and to carry the name of President McKinley into battle as part of their heritage. Shame on those members of the House Education Committee who want to trash the name and statue of President McKinley, and shame on the National Education Association which is their accomplice.

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| Cary Miyashiro | Quad D Solutions | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support recognition of the fallen veterans of McKinley High School, as well as keeping the name, McKinley HS that has served our community so honorably.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary Miyashiro

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Submitted on: 3/23/2022 6:47:10 AM

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| Andy Ngo | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support this Bill that pays tribute to the Fallen Soldiers who served our nation and the State of Hawaii.

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| Scot Seo | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly believe we need to honor our soldiers of McKinley High School and such a befitting tribute this would serve by recognizing the sacrificies these individuals made to serve our country. Please pass this resolution. Thank you.

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| Candace Sasaki | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please save the name of McKinley High School. There is good reason to keep the name as well as the pride for those who have formerly graduated and are attending this great high school.

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| Yoon Ok Won | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I very strongly support this Bill. As a former war veteran as well as having a son who graduated from McKinley High School, we support this Resolution to honor McKinley High School's 132 fallen soldiers by safeguarding and preserving the name of McKinley High School. Thank you.

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| Thomas Pangilinan | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the intent of this House Resolution as written.

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| Aaron Takeba | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please pass this Resolution, one of my family members is included in the list of fallen heros and this would be a great honor for him.

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| Aukai Pia | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

This Resolution to honor our fallen soldiers by preserving the name of McKinley High School is very befitting and way for the State of Hawii to pay tribute to these who valiantly served our country. I support this Resolution.

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| ROBERTA TANAKA | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in support of this measure.

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| Mark T. Nakamura | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chairperson Woodson and Vice Chair Kapela,

My name is Mark Nakamura and I am submitting testimony in support of HR64. It is important that we honor the contributions of the alumni veterans of McKinley High School and the sacrifice they have made to keep our nation safe and secure.

Sincerely,

Mark Nakamura

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| Helen Sanpei | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support House Resolution 64 that pays tribute to the soldiers who served during the second World War. We certainly appreciate their dedication and service to our country and the State of Hawaii. To honor them by safeguarding the name McKinley High School is befitting and well deserved.

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| Regina Peterson | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

In closing:

I mean no disrespect to those fallen, in fact,

*****The soldiers of the 442nd that attended Honolulu High School, Who fought in WWII, fought and died for the same thing we in Hawai'i and other countries are fighting for now...like Germany a bigger Nation, invaded Poland - a smaller nation and tried to bully their way through Europe. Like Russia invading Ukraine today, like the U.S. invaded Hawai'i and continue to bully Hawai'i's descendant till today. President William Mckinley played one of the largest part in that dark history.**

.It would be greater honor to the soldiers that fought and died for the liberation of those smaller countries by removing this statue and changing the name back to:

"HONOLULU HIGH SCHOOL" - THE SCHOOL THAT SPEAKS TRUTH, LIVES TRUTH, AND HONORS ITS PEOPLE IN TRUTH

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| Carl Takamura | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support HR 64 and am grateful to Representative Saiki for proposing this meaningful resolution. As a proud alumnus of McKinley High School's class of 1962, I am well aware of McKinley's long and rich history of service to our community and in particular, of the many brave men and women graduates who have served our country. In addition to the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who is undoubtedly one of McKinley's most illustrious alum, the 132 fallen soldiers listed in HR64 deserve to be recognized and remembered for their sacrifice to our country. It is indeed essential, as stated in this resolution, to pay tribute and safeguard the name of McKinley High School.

The Honorable Justin Woodson, Chair
House of Representatives
Committee on Education

Re: In FAVOR of HB64 and House Concurrent Resolution HCR71

Dear Chair Woodson and Members of the House Committee on Education:

My name is Chieko Higuchi, MHS Class of 1966, and I am testifying in favor of HB64 and HCR71. I am in favor of these 2 resolutions to urge the Superintendent of Education to request the Board of Education to honor McKinley High School's 132 fallen soldiers by safeguarding and preserving the name of McKinley High School.

McKinley High School is one oldest secondary school in the Hawaiian Islands, founded in 1865, known then as Fort Street English Day School. It was known as McKinley High School since 1905 and is now going on it's 117th year being known as President McKinley High School, known as McKinley High School (MHS). Several of the buildings on McKinley High School's campus are listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1980. The architect most involved in the design of its Spanish Colonial Revival buildings was Louis E. Davis. The buildings of McKinley High School were chosen as being historically significant by contributing to a major part of American History; with a "person" (Pres. William McKinley) associated with America's history; and design and construction of the buildings having great artistic value and the work of a master designer, Louis Davis.

The history of the students at McKinley High School is admirable and really depicts their sense of "Pride" and "Code of Honor" which was written in 1927 by student: Mun Chee Chun which MHS students have tried to display and maintain. During World War II the MHS students volunteered at Red Cross Stations, supported selling war bond drives, and raised enough funds to purchase a B-24 Liberator bomber, named Madame Pele for the United States Air Force.

During World War II, there were 132 fallen U.S. soldiers who attended McKinley High School who valiantly fought for our country, the United States of America. Their valor and commitment to our country will never be forgotten, and I'm sure that they were proud to be alumni of McKinley High School. Wah Kau Kong, attended McKinley High School and he is listed on McKinley High School's "Hall of Honor", as he was the first Chinese American fighter pilot in World War II. One of members who graduated from McKinley High School and served in World War II was late Senator Daniel Inouye (1924-2012), who was part of the U.S. Army's 442nd Combat Team; Medal of Honor Recipient; U.S. Representative (1959-1962); U.S. Senator (1962-2012); President pro tempore of the United States Senate, 4th highest-ranking member of the U.S. government. He is one of many of those outstanding citizens from McKinley High School who are listed in MHS's "Hall of Honor".

There are other noteworthy people who have graduated from McKinley High School who have valiantly fought for our Country. Tammy Duckworth, Class of MHS 1985, was a U.S. Army Major, and Iraq War Veteran. She was a Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the eight districts of Illinois from 2013-2017 and is the U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois since 2017. She is one of the many people listed in McKinley High School's "Hall of Honor". McKinley High School has a long history of producing leaders in reputable and a variety of vocations that have contributed to the success of our State and of our nation. If you visit McKinley High School, their pictures are hung in the Administration Building as our "Hall of Honor" awardee recipients.

In conclusion, all the above examples of valor and honor that McKinley High School students who have fought in World War II or in other fields of battle for the United States of America, has brought pride and gratitude to McKinley High School, our community, and to our State of Hawaii. I am urging the Superintendent of Education to request the Board of Education to honor McKinley High School's 132 fallen soldiers by safeguarding and preserving the name of McKinley High School.

Sincerely,
Chieko Higuchi
Resident of Mililani, Hawaii
McKinley High School Class of 1966

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| Ron Okamura | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in full support of HR 64 on keeping the name of President William McKinley High School in honoring our fallen servicemen who attended the school..

It will be there recognition the service and dedication to not only the country and their high school

Mahalo

Ron Okamura

Principal

President William McKinley High School

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| Blaine Bastatas | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in full support of HR 64 on keeping the name of President William McKinley High School in honoring our fallen servicemen who attended the school.

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| Michele Fukumoto | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am in support of HR 64 URGING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO HONOR MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S 132 FALLEN SOLDIERS BY SAFEGUARDING AND PRESERVING THE NAME OF MCKINLEY HIGH.

I believe in the process and support the McKinley High School Community Council's decision to keep the name, as is. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HR64.

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| Hailey Tanaka | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support this request

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| Nanette Kaiwi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, I come before you urging you to honor our fallen heroes as well as those who returned from battle, such as Senator Daniel Inouye, by not changing the name of McKinley High School.

I am a proud Native Hawaiian graduate, from the class of 1967. These 132 fallen men are identified with McKinley High School but, they are not the only ones. My Principal, Teichiro Hirata, also known as "Timmy Hirata" served in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II and his history is in the Army Museum at Fort DeRussy. Removing the name of McKinley High School removes part of Mr. Hirata's history. He does not deserve that after all he did for the United States.

I don't think any of the Hawaiian's who are pushing for the change to our school know our school's history. I believe they are doing it for personal recognition in the Hawaiian Community, bragging rights.

The fallen men and those that returned home don't deserve the name of the school they graduated from removed. Some men, who went into the military before graduating, returned to McKinley High School to finish their education and graduate.

When Senator Inouye, Mr. Hirata's and the 132 fallen men's great and great great grandchildren are told that their ancestor graduated from McKinley High School, I don't want them confused and asking "where's that." Do you?

Mahalo for your consideration of not changing the name of McKinley High School.

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| Vern Miyagi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha - This testimony is in strong support of HR64 and HCR71 that honor the 132 fallen soldiers of McKinley High School by preserving the name of the school. I am very glad this HR has been submitted in opposition to the ridiculous pending resolutions (HR24 and HCR26) that propose the removal of the name "McKinley High School." I will always be a MCKINLEY graduate. It is my brand name and that of the many thousands of students that have since graduated and will graduate from its halls. I am an American citizen because my parents were born in the Territory of Hawaii, USA. I am proud to be an American and a graduate of McKinley High School. Vern T. Miyagi, Major General, US Army (Ret).

The Honorable Justin Woodson, Chair
House of Representatives
Committee on Education

Dear Chair Woodson and Members of the House Committee on Education:

I am testifying in **support** of HR 64 and HCR 71 urging the Superintendent to request that the Board of Education not change the name of McKinley High School to Honolulu High School and remove the statue of President William McKinley from the premises.

I come from a long line of McKinley graduates. Both sets of grandparents and most of their siblings, my parents' cousins, my sisters, my late husband and I are all proud graduates of McKinley. Ever since I moved back from California, I have been hoping my twins will have a chance to graduate from McKinley to continue that legacy.

McKinley High School has been steeped in tradition. As students, we learn about the history of the school, what students and graduates before us have accomplished with limited means and that anything is possible after graduating from McKinley. Our alumni include a Governor, US Congress Members, Olympians, Educators, Decorated Veterans, Scientists and Entrepreneurs, to name a few.

This school has been in existence for over 150 years. It has been known longer as McKinley High School than any other name. It would be a disservice to change the now. There are more important issues to be addressed in the Hawaii public school system, than changing school names to satisfy those who want to rewrite history.

Sincerely,

Lisa-Anne Mitsuka Chan
McKinley High School Class of 1991
McKinley Alumni Association Recording Secretary
Editor, *The Alumni Pinion*

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| Ocean Ko | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am strongly in favor of the resolution.

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| Lisa Kaneshiro | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please do not erase the history of McKinley High School.

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| Heather Graeber | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Oppose

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| Bixby Ho | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Bixby Ho, I am a class of 1998 alumni from President William McKinley High School and I am offering testimony **in support of HR64.**

McKinley High School has a long history of service members from Privates all the way to Generals. We are a proud school with a proud heritage behind it all.

Not only these service members wore that rank but some of them also wear with distinction the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, just to name a few.

Honoring these service members by ensuring we keep their legacy known as Proud McKinley Tigers is what this resolution does.

The late Senator Daniel K. Inouye said, "Americanism is not a matter of skin or color".

That meaning that no matter where our graduates came from, they all fought carrying the name Proud McKinley Tiger in the land, in the air, or overseas.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Bixby Ho

Class of 1998 Alumni

President William McKinley High School

Testimony Before The House Committee on Education

DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2022

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Conference Room 309

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

RE: HR 64 / HCR 71

URGING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO HONOR MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S 132 FALLEN SOLDIERS BY SAFEGUARDING AND PRESERVING THE NAME OF MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

IN OPPOSITION

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela, and members of the House Committee on Education,

My name is Keala Campbell; I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i Island.

I am testifying **in opposition** of bill HR64 / HCR71 which urges the Superintendent of Education to request the Board of Education to safeguard and preserve the name of McKinley High School.

The points outlined below should be carefully considered

(<https://www.hsta.org/news/recent-stories/mckinley-high-school-deserves-a-name-that-honors-its-true-spirit-community-legacy/>):

- 1. The school's name glorifies a man who illegally annexed a country against the will of her queen and people.**
- 2. The name reflects an indoctrination of Hawaiian students and a movement that obliterated Native Hawaiian identity in favor of American patriotism.**
- 3. Names have great significance to us. A school's name should honor its greatness.**
- 4. McKinley High is an incredible school with impressive accomplishments and prominent alumni. It serves and supports our community. Its halls are steeped in spirit, honor, and pride. It's important that we recognize the true source of this excellence: the students, the educators, the community, the 'āina.**
- 5. McKinley High School is located in the ahupua'a of Honolulu, in the moku of Kona, on the mokupuni of O'ahu. Changing the school's name back to Honolulu High School honors its life source, the land that feeds it.**

Restoring the name to Honolulu High School will not diminish the sacrifice of the 132 soldiers named in this bill; in fact, it would be a step toward restitution for some. A way to make pono and reverse the “methodical plan of Americanization” that “sought to obliterate the national consciousness of the Hawaiian Kingdom in the minds of the school children throughout the islands”. It is time.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Keala Campbell