

ACT 53

A Bill for an Act Designating the Reverend Joseph Damien DeVeuster, SS. CC., as one of those Citizens of Hawaii Worthy of Commemoration in the National Statuary Hall and Directing that the Statuary Hall Commission Make the Necessary Preparations to Place an Appropriate Statue Therein.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Legislative finding. The legislature hereby finds and declares that the efforts of Father Damien among the sufferers of Hansen's disease have made him a humanitarian of international renown. His work, ministering to the human needs at the Kalaupapa settlement on the island of Molokai, clearly demonstrates a great devotion to his fellow man. His death, caused by the disease he sought to treat, has inspired the world toward tremendous strides in the suppression of this disease.

SECTION 2. The State of Hawaii hereby exercises its prerogative pursuant to Section 2 of "An Act making appropriation for sundry Civil Expenses of the Government for the Year ending the Thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and sixty-five and for other purposes" (act of July 2, 1864 of the thirty-eighth congress, Section 1814 of the Revised Statutes) and designates the Reverend Joseph Damien deVeuster, SS. CC., as a citizen of Hawaii worthy of commemoration in the National Statuary Hall.

SECTION 3. The statuary hall commission is hereby directed to make the necessary preparations for the placing of a suitable statue

of Father Damien in the National Statuary Hall.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved May 10, 1965.) **H.B. 1275.**