

MAR 13 2009

## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ISSUE A  
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP HONORING PRINCE JONAH KUHIO  
KALANIANAOLE.

1 WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole, known as the last  
2 Prince of the Hawaiian Monarchy, was the son of High Chief David  
3 Kahalepouli Piikoi and Princess Victoria Kuhio Kinoiki Kekaulike  
4 and great-grandson of Kaumualii, the last reigning chief of the  
5 island of Kauai; and

6  
7 WHEREAS, Kuhio was born on March 26, 1871, at Hoai, Kualu  
8 in the Koloa district of the island of Kauai; and

9  
10 WHEREAS, his mother and father both died when he was still  
11 very young, Kuhio and his brothers were adopted by their aunt,  
12 Kapiolani, who was the wife of Kalakaua; and

13  
14 WHEREAS, when King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani ascended to  
15 their thrones in 1874, thirteen-year-old Jonah Kuhio  
16 Kalanianaole and his brothers were made Princes by royal decree;  
17 and

18  
19 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio was very well trained and educated  
20 both at home and abroad in England; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, upon the death of the Prince's uncle, King  
23 Kalakaua, the King's sister Liliuokalani ascended the throne,  
24 and upon doing so, named the young Prince as an heir; and

25  
26 WHEREAS, in 1893, Queen Liliuokalani was illegally  
27 overthrown by a group of foreign businessmen; and

28  
29 WHEREAS, in support of his aunt, the Queen, Prince Kuhio  
30 joined with a group of Hawaiian Nationals and Loyalists in an  
31 attempt to return the Queen to the throne and was subsequently  
32 arrested and imprisoned for treason; and  
33



1 WHEREAS, at the same time that the Queen was released from  
2 imprisonment, Prince Kuhio was also released and pardoned on all  
3 charges; and  
4

5 WHEREAS, after Hawaii's annexation to the United States and  
6 the subsequent passage of the Organic Act of 1902, Prince Kuhio  
7 was persuaded to accept the Republican Party's nomination as a  
8 delegate to Congress; and  
9

10 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio won his first bid for election to  
11 Congress, and many more thereafter, serving as Hawaii's delegate  
12 from 1903 to 1921; and  
13

14 WHEREAS, his keen wit and ready good humor made him well  
15 liked by his fellow Hawaiians and fellow legislators in  
16 Washington, D.C.; and  
17

18 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio earned great respect for his  
19 commitment and staunch support of the native Hawaiian people,  
20 for whom he worked tirelessly; and  
21

22 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio made great achievements in his nearly  
23 twenty years in Congress, including securing Kalaupapa Leper  
24 Settlement as a territorial institution, establishing county  
25 governments, developing Pearl Harbor, advocating for passage of  
26 the Hawaiian Rehabilitation Act and the Hawaiian Homes  
27 Commission Act; and  
28

29 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio endeavored to restore native  
30 Hawaiians' pride in their race by organizing the Royal Order of  
31 Kamehameha I and the Hawaiian Civic Club, both of which are  
32 still very active organizations, and including civic clubs that  
33 have been established across the United States to address the  
34 concerns of native Hawaiians; and  
35

36 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio died at his home on Waikiki Beach on  
37 January 7, 1922 at the age of fifty; and  
38

39 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio, the last designated heir to the  
40 Hawaiian throne, was given the last state funeral held in Hawaii  
41 for an alii and is buried at Mauna Ala (Royal Mausoleum) in  
42 Nuuanu Valley amongst numerous other members of the Hawaiian  
43 Monarchy; and  
44



1 WHEREAS, upon his death, the Governor of the Territory of  
2 Hawaii proclaimed that Prince Kuhio was sincere, loyal, and  
3 courageous and possessed a unique, distinctly Hawaiian kindness  
4 of heart that is identified, interpreted, and glorified in  
5 Hawaii's Aloha; and  
6

7 WHEREAS, Kuhio Park in Koloa, Kauai, was dedicated to and  
8 named for him in 1928, only six years after his passing; and  
9

10 WHEREAS, numerous places, including schools, roads, parks,  
11 housing developments, and a federal building, have all been  
12 named for Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole; and  
13

14 WHEREAS, in 1949, the territorial Legislature passed a  
15 resolution marking March 26th as a holiday honoring Prince  
16 Kuhio, which has now become a State holiday known as "Kuhio  
17 Day"; and  
18

19 WHEREAS, in 2002, a statue in Prince Kuhio's likeness was  
20 erected on Waikiki Beach to honor Prince Kuhio; and  
21

22 WHEREAS, Prince Kuhio is fondly remembered as "Ke Alii  
23 Makaanana" (The Citizen Prince); now, therefore,  
24

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
27 that the Legislature, in recognition of the work and  
28 achievements of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole as a  
29 representative and supporter of the native Hawaiian people and  
30 his significance in Hawaiian history as the last designated heir  
31 to the Hawaiian throne, therefore encourages and requests that  
32 the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative stamp  
33 honoring Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole; and  
34

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Postmaster  
37 General, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal  
38 Service, the Chair of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of  
39 the United States Postal Service, the District Manager of the  
40 United States Postal Service for the District of Hawaii, the  
41 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Hawaiian Civic Club of  
42



S.R. NO. 40

1 Honolulu, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Princess  
2 Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa.  
3  
4  
5

OFFERED BY:

