SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS THE DANIEL K. INOUYE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, Honolulu International Airport began operations in 1927 as the "John Rodgers Airport"; and

WHEREAS, the "John Rodgers Airport" was renamed the "Honolulu Airport" in 1947 to comport with the then existing practice of changing names of airports to the name of the city where the airport was located in order to eliminate confusion in world-wide ticket sales and operational communications; and

WHEREAS, the "Honolulu Airport" was renamed the "Honolulu International Airport" in 1951 as it became the way station in the middle of the Pacific Ocean for many transpacific flights; and

WHEREAS, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, decorated veteran, distinguished United States Congressman and Senator, and devoted son of the islands, recognized the importance of a fully functional state airport system that connected the individual Hawaiian Islands, connected Hawaii to the continental United States, and connected Hawaii globally to the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership on the United States Senate Commerce Committee and United States Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Daniel K. Inouye was instrumental in marshalling extensive federal funds of about \$30,000,000 annually to maintain and develop necessary and essential airport infrastructure; acquiring additional federal funding to build new air traffic control facilities, improve runways and taxiways, and install instrument landing systems for increased visibility and safety; and upgrading Transportation Security Administration security checkpoint facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the State should honor and preserve the legacy of Senator Daniel K. Inouye's instrumental involvement in developing Honolulu International Airport as the hub of interisland, transpacific, and global air travel; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Transportation is requested to recognize the significant accomplishments and contributions of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye by designating the Honolulu International Airport as the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Transportation, Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Governor, Director of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Public Works.

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