



## SCR163 SD1

### **COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT WILLIAM KALANIHIAPO WILCOX, AN ENDURING PATRIOT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS, WHO SERVED AS HAWAII'S FIRST ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.**

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

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Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SCR163 SD1, which honors the contributions of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox to Native Hawaiians, our political history, and our enduring rights and privileges.

Mr. Wilcox demonstrated a great degree of political acumen, first being elected to serve in the Royal Legislature of Hawai'i in 1880, at the young age of 25. Even this early in his life and career, Mr. Wilcox exhibited concern about the rapidly changing economic and social landscape of his native country, and skepticism toward the increasingly powerful interests of wealthy American and European foreigners in Hawai'i.

Mr. Wilcox was studying abroad at Italy's Royal Military Academy at the behest of King Kalākaua, when he received word that foreign businessmen had organized to usurp the power of the Hawaiian government, and commenced the series of events that would lead to the forceful overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. Over the course of the next several years, Mr. Wilcox organized Native Hawaiians and led them in continual counterrevolutionary efforts, advocating for the return of power to the Hawaiian monarchy and people. To inspire his people, he employed the use of media with his news publication, "The Liberal"; to defend his people, he engaged in two armed conflicts with the militias of the newly self-appointed government. Most notably, however, Mr. Wilcox was a political visionary; he truly led his people, using multiple avenues.

During the years leading up to the overthrow, throughout the revolution, and even after the failed counterrevolution and eventual annexation of Hawai'i, Mr. Wilcox developed multiple political strategies to address the injustices occurring in his homeland, and ensure that Native Hawaiians maintained a voice in the ruling government, rather than be excluded from it. Notably, after Hawai'i's annexation, Mr. Wilcox helped to organize the Hawaiian Independent Party, later known as the Home Rule Party, and mobilized Native Hawaiians to participate in territorial politics. He was remarkably successful in this effort. Early in the territorial period, Native Hawaiians registered to vote at nearly the same rates as they did during the kingdom period, resulting in Hawaiians controlling roughly 68 percent of the electorate. The strong Native Hawaiian turnout at

the polls led to Native Hawaiians representing about 70 percent of the territorial legislature in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and to the election of Mr. Wilcox to serve as Hawai‘i’s first U.S. Congressional representative, where he sought to represent Native Hawaiian interests. Thus, even in this most tumultuous period of great loss in Hawaiian history, Mr. Wilcox inspired Native Hawaiians to empower themselves, and he continues to remain an inspiring symbol of our resilient mana today.

Mr. Wilcox is a cherished figure in the Hawaiian community for his contributions to our kūpuna, our history, and our heritage. He dedicated his life, and at times even risked it, to preserve Native Hawaiian rights and self-determination. OHA urges all Native Hawaiians to honor his memory, by continuing to empower our voices in government and pursue self-determination via all available avenues.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SCR163 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

For hearing Thursday, April 14, 2016

Re: SCR 163, SD1

COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT WILLIAM KALANIHIAPO WILCOX, AN ENDURING PATRIOT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS, WHO SERVED AS HAWAII'S FIRST ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

It's weird to see a resolution in the legislature commemorating and honoring Robert Wilcox, who died 113 years ago. Why is this resolution being proposed at this particular time? No reason is given. There must be a hidden agenda.

A resolution in the state legislature to commemorate and honor Wilcox at this time is as peculiar as it would be to introduce a resolution in Congress today to commemorate and honor other men who were zealous patriots on the wrong side, such as Jefferson Davis (President of the Confederate states of America), Joseph Stalin, or Mao Tse-tung.

More importantly, aside from weirdness -- Robert Wilcox does not deserve to be commemorated, let alone honored.

What sort of message would the legislature be sending to today's hot-headed Hawaiian sovereignty activists by passing a resolution to commemorate and honor such a racist man of violence who had no hesitation about killing in order to further his political goals?

I recommend a biography by Ernest Andrade Jr., educated at UH Manoa, Professor Emeritus of History at University of Colorado at Boulder, buried at Punchbowl cemetery on account of his military service to our nation. The book is "Unconquerable Rebel: Robert W. Wilcox and Hawaiian Politics, 1880-1903" (University Press of Colorado, 1996). 299 pages including extensive footnotes. ISBN: 0-87081-417-6. My comments about Robert Wilcox are based on facts reported in Professor Andrade's fair, balanced, and heavily footnoted book, and my comments accurately represent Professor Andrade's conclusions about Wilcox.

Andrade uses the word "demagogue" to describe Wilcox's flamboyant style. Andrade describes Wilcox as an arrogant, unprincipled zealot who frequently changed sides in the political struggles and whose only long-term allegiance was to his own quest for political power.

Wilcox, who was half white and half Hawaiian, deliberately stirred up racial antagonism by native Hawaiians against whites in order to build political support for himself.

Wilcox collaborated with Lili'uokalani in a plot against Kalakaua; opposed Lili'uokalani while she was Queen; urged that the monarchy be overthrown in favor of a Republic; and supported annexation to the United States. But after the revolution of 1893 he worked to restore the monarchy and opposed annexation.

Wilcox led armed rebellions, as mentioned in this proposed resolution SCR 163, SD1, which resulted in several deaths. Do you legislators approve of that?

One of Wilcox's occasions of violence resulting in death was an attempted Palace coup in 1889 intended to oust Kalakaua at the behest of Lili'uokalani so she could take power. Lili'uokalani despised and opposed Kalakaua because he had signed the Bayonet Constitution of 1887 while she was in London visiting Queen Victoria. The attempted Palace coup was planned in 1888 while Wilcox was living in one of Lili'uokalani's homes, in Palama.

Another time when Wilcox used violence resulting in death, with Lili'uokalani as co-conspirator, was the attempted Wilcox-led counter-revolution in 1895, where guns, ammunition, and hand grenades were found in a buried cache hidden in a flower-bed at Lili'uokalani's private home (Washington Place) very near the Palace.

When annexation was achieved, Wilcox maneuvered to become leader of the race-focused Home Rule Party and won election as Hawaii's first Territorial Delegate to Congress. But his performance in Congress was so poor, and the Home Rule's performance as majority party in the Territorial legislature was so bad, that the party split into factions and soon ceased to exist. Prince Kuhio walked out of the Home Rule Party convention in 1902 in disgust, joined the Republican Party, and defeated Wilcox's Home Rule Party in the 1902 election for Territorial Delegate where Kuhio served for 20 years.

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House Committee on Ocean Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Kaneala Ing, Chair  
Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

Dear Honorable Kaneala Ing and Nicole E. Lowen,

I would like for you to support the amendments to Resolution SCR 163, SD 1, as presented and submitted by Madame Kaulana Fraser-Bonnet and HRH Princess Owana Salazar.

Thank you for supporting SCR 163, SC 1. I look forward to your response to this issue, and follow-up after you receive all testimonies.

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House Committee on Ocean and Marine Resources  
Honorable Representative Kaneala Ing, Chair  
Honorable Representative Nicole E. Lowen

Transcript of Oral Testimony on SCR 163, SD 1  
April 14, 2016 Honolulu, Hawaii Legislature

It's an honor to be here. Thank you for having me. Thank you for working hard to preserve the place we love and grew up.

My name is Kaulana Fraser, now Madame Bonnet. I am Kou Hawai'i Pae Aina, a lifelong resident, and a Hawaiian Kingdom Loyalist. I went to Punahou and Seabury Hall, graduated in 1979, and attended UC Berkeley. I'm here to share with you my feelings on a SCR 163, SD 1.

I appreciate the symbolic redress for historic injustices and support of the now minority Hawaiian interest, through Bill SR124 and SCR 163, SD 1. I am advocating for, and asking that you support the re-naming of the entire length of Nimitz Hwy after our bravest patriot, Kalanihiapo Hwy. Starting at the airport, I ask that it would extend through Ala Moana Blvd., until it becomes Kuhio Ave. and Kalakaua Ave., at the fork in the road. Let me share with you what kind of a man Robert Kalanihiapo was.

He was a fearless and honorable man. Some people say he rebelled 3 times and failed. What he really did, was stand up against people who were threatening his King with a bayonet to steal his nation. He would do the same for any of you. He tried to

correct this injustice.

The next day, when he arrived at the palace with the new Constitution in his hands, the gate was locked, and sharp shooters positioned on the roof of Kawaihao Church and the Opera House across the street, began firing on him. This is not a failure. Sometimes, one voice is heard around the whole world. What he stood for, gives us all strength and courage today.

The process of removing symbols of aggression toward and the oppression of, the Hawaiian people, is an essential part of the effectiveness of the Apology of President Clinton. Especially so in this case because much harm has been done to the Royal Kamehameha family.

They were poisoned, their children murdered, lost all their worldly possessions, including their country, their De Jure Sovereign right to govern their territory interrupted, and even the women imprisoned. They were slandered with propaganda intended to pit the Hawaiian people against the Royal family - the descendants of Robert Kalanihiapo, our first delegate to Congress.

Shortly after returning home from Washington, where Robert Kalanihiapo had secured the right of all people in Hawaii to vote regardless of race or wealth, he was given shaved filings of glass in his drink at a party causing him to bleed to death internally. HRH Princess Theresa Owana suffered as she helplessly watched her husband die.

Changing the name of a major highway from the name of a US General, non Kanaka Maoli, an oppressor, to that of a patriot, a leader, a hero, a forefather of the Kanaka Maoli nation, is a very honorable thing for the legislature to do. It is also an honorable



event for the Kingdom Subjects and citizens to enjoy and remember our proud heritage.

Making the decision to re-name Nimitz Highway is an act of courage on the part of the Legislature, and an important step toward reconciliation with the Hawaiian people and the healing of our nation. It expresses and demonstrates regret and remorse to the proper aggrieved party, the Royal Kamehameha family, and opens the door to more sincere dialogue in the future.

Again, in re-naming Nimitz Hwy, Kalanihiapo Hwy, you are following in the footsteps of President Barack Obama who changed the name of Mt. McKinley in Alaska for the exact same reason.

It is an appropriate start, and it is beautiful to honor a very brave man who demonstrated that he was willing to die to protect the foundation and the light of our country, Her Majesty Queen Liliuokalani. He strived bravely as you do today correcting, when might makes wrong.

I'm sure, that like Nathan Hale, Robert Kalanihiapo, regrets that he had but one life to give, for his country.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2016

To: The House Committee on Ocean Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair  
Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Vice-Chair

From: Owana Ka`ōhelelani Salazar, great-granddaughter of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox

RE: Testimony supporting SCR163, SD1 – with amendments and two attachments.

Honorable Members of this Committee:

Welina me ke aloha kākou. My purpose here today is to remember, to share, and hopefully to inspire our youth and parent generations, in whose hands our islands' future depends. As a great granddaughter of this Kūpuna of our history, I wish to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the members of this committee and to this legislative body for honoring and celebrating the life of service given to Hawaii by this patriot who is the “stuff” from which legends are made.

The Honorable Robert William Kalanihiapo, affectionately known as “Wilikoki”, was very well known. He was a living legend, a freedom fighter, and a loyalist of the Hawaiian Kingdom Government and Monarchy – however, today it appears the memory of his life of heroism and service to Hawaii's people has been obscured and I daresay, damaged, through efforts of his political enemies and opponents.

I only learned about this hearing yesterday, so I'd like you to know that I spent the entire afternoon through the night, putting this together for you. After reading through this well-written resolution, I was compelled to offer the following amendments with our sincere wish to bring clarity and in some small way to expand some of the mo'olelo histories I've learned, as we were taught by our parent generation. I followed the usual standard of deletions with a strikethrough and additions with an underline.

I am very pleased to let you know that this testimony is on behalf of a number of members of my family and friends, of whom you will see our names and email addresses at the close of our testimony. Regarding our additions to the resolutions content, I've added two supporting documents, they are:

- The genealogy of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox
- “A Family Historical Moment” by the late Bill Makahilahila, dated May 31, 2003

I won't go over every single deletion and addition, but at this time I'll speak to a few recurring words that kind of mislabels persons or groups of persons intended.

- Native Hawaiian. In todays thinking, Native Hawaiian means persons of Hawaiian ancestry and of a specific blood quantum. However, the people for whom Wilcox advocated were not separated by ancestry or blood quantum. They were citizens, both Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian.
- Royalist. Throughout the many family gatherings and conversations between my mother, my aunts and uncles, and their friends – it was made abundantly clear to us that the royalists were those who aspired to usurp the power of the ruling royalty, whereas, loyalists were those who were loyal to their country, the Hawaiian Kingdom Government.
- On page 6 of the resolution that recognizes Kalanihiapo's inspiration in contemporary times, I thought it appropriate to allow Mr. Wilcox to speak for himself with a translated direct quote from one of his speeches when he ran for office. “First, I will fight mightily for equal rights for all men, from the king seated on the throne to the very humblest of men, and from the richest of men to the poorest. Second, I will strive to uphold the continued independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom, with those works which will further the land in prosperity and wisdom. Thirdly--that which is right and fitting must be done until the heavens fall! And it is my greatest wish that each and every one of you, my compatriots, will be firm in brotherhood love for our motherland, and love for our king!”

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- Lastly, we respectfully request that certified copies of this resolution also be transmitted to: the Mayors and all Council Members of each County, members of the Department of Education, and members of the Board of Education.

Again, our deepest gratitude to you all for your most gracious consideration today and for taking this journey with us through the most tumultuous and meaningful times in our history. With all due respect, I'd like to avail my knowledge to you in the finalizing of this resolution.

May Akua bless each and every one of you and your families, and keep you all in grace and wisdom. A ho'i a e au, ke aloha nō, mahalo... malama nui.

### AMMENDMENTS: Submitted for SCR 163, SD1

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COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT WILLIAM KALANIHIAPO WILCOX, AN ENDURING PATRIOT OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM AND ADVOCATE FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF (NATIVE HAWAIIANS) ALL CITIZENS, WHO SERVED AS HAWAII'S FIRST ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

1. WHEREAS, Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox was born on February 15, 1855, on the island of Maui to Captain William Slocum Wilcox, a native of England by way of Newport, Rhode Island, and Kalua Makoleokalani of Maui, whose ~~(parents were both born of chiefly ancestors on Hawaii and Maui)~~ mother descended directly from Pi'ilani, ancient ruler of Maui Nui, and whose father descended directly from Umi, ancient ruler of Hawaii; and

7. WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcox attended Haleakala Boarding School in Makawao, Maui, ~~taught school on Maui,~~ and was called "The Morning Star of East Maui." In 1875 the government chose him to teach in the school at Keawekapu, Makena and later at Ulupalakua. He was elected to the Royal Legislature in 1880 to serve the citizens of Wailuku and its neighboring Maui towns; and

12. WHEREAS, in ~~1884~~ 1880, His Majesty King Kalakaua selected Mr. Wilcox to study at the Royal Military Academy in Turin, Italy where he excelled and was selected by Italian officers to attend the Royal Application School for Engineer and Artillery Officers after which he graduated with commendations and received his commission from the Italian Minister of War, signed by the king of Italy, as Lieutenant of Artillery where he remained until the end of 1887; and

27. "...but disenfranchised many ~~Native~~ Hawaiian and Non-Hawaiian citizens; and

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2. WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcox continued to advocate revocation of the Bayonet Constitution of 1887, and through his speeches he inspired his like-minded patriots to raise the Kamehameha Rifles Association, and on July 30, 1889 was confronted by the Honolulu Rifles aided by a large military force from the American warship "Adam" in Honolulu Harbor who engaged Mr. Wilcox and those in his party the Kamehameha Rifles in an armed battle; and

9. "... jury to the acclaim and approval of ~~many Native Hawaiians~~ a great mass of Hawaiian citizens; and

11. WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcox helped establish ~~the National Reform Party~~ 'Ao`ao Lahui which advocated restoring power to the monarch and ~~to Native Hawaiian~~ its citizens; and

20. "... which advocated positions on behalf of ~~Native Hawaiian~~ the kingdoms citizens in favor of..."

30. "... disenfranchised ~~Native Hawaiians~~ Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians, attempted..."

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11. "... seized control of Iolani Palace, imprisoned Queen Liliuokalani, illegally declared the Hawaiian monarch abolished..."

19. "... over the Hawaiian Kingdom to the United States with intent that the kingdom would be restored as it had been during the reign of King Kamehameha III, when he spoke the words, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono"; and

31. "...~~Royalists~~ Loyalist patriots loyal to Queen Liliuokalani planned a counter-revolution..."

37. WHEREAS, for two weeks in January of 1895, the armed forces of the Republic of Hawaii with the outnumbering forces from American naval ships in Honolulu Harbor, clashed with the ~~Royalists~~ Loyalist Kamehameha Rifles in an armed conflict, ~~in Honolulu~~ inevitably concluding with the Republic of Hawaii defeating the ~~Royalists~~ Loyalists; and

42. ~~Royalists~~ Loyalists

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10. "... at Iolani Palace after the conflict and signed a document under duress formally abdicating..."

13. ~~Royalist~~ Loyalist

23. "... ensure that ~~Native~~ both Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian interests were adequately..."

29. "... organizing anti-annexation ~~Native Hawaiians~~ citizens into the Hawaiian..."

37. "... fought for the rights of ~~Native Hawaiians~~ all citizens of Hawaii; and

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1. "... residents, Mr. Wilcox and other prominent ~~Native Hawaiians~~ Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian citizens supported..."

5. WHEREAS, upon returning to Hawaii after his term in congress ended in 1903, Mr. Wilcox ran for High Sherriff of Honolulu but tragically passed away during his campaign for that office, by report from reliable sources, after filings of glass were added into his drinks during a party held at the old Alexander & Young Hotel in downtown Honolulu; and

35. "... powerful ~~Western~~ business and foreign interests; and

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1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body acknowledges, remembers, and celebrates Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox’s abiding support, loyalty, and advocacy for the rights of ~~Native Hawaiian~~ citizens to vote and fully participate in their Hawaiian government, regardless of whether it was organized as a monarchy, a provisional government, a republic, or a territory of the United States; and

12. “...for the actions which occurred leading up to and after the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893; and

14. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body acknowledges Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox may serve as an inspiration in contemporary times in advocacy efforts for ~~Native Hawaiians~~ citizens and self-governance in various and multiple forums, with inspiration from his own words, “First, I will fight mightily for equal rights for all men, from the king seated on the throne to the very humblest of men, and from the riches of men to the poorest. Second, I will strive to uphold the continued independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom, with those works which will further the land in prosperity and wisdom. Thirdly--that which is right and fitting must be done until the heavens fall! And it is my greatest wish that each and every one of you, my compatriots, will be firm in brotherhood, love for our motherland, and love for our king!?”; and

21. “... Chairperson of the Board of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Mayors and all Council Members of each County, members of the Department of Education, members of the Board of Education, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, ...”

Respectfully submitted,

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## A Family Historical Moment

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My mother's name is Emma Kamaile Beckley Makahilahila. She is the eldest daughter of Frederick William Kahapula Beckley Jr., son of Frederick William Kahapula Beckley Sr. and Emma Metcalfe Beckley Nakuina.

My mother Emma was secretary and historian to her father, Fred Beckley, Jr., who taught Hawaiian at the University of Hawaii and McKinley High School. My great great great grandfather was Captain George Beckley; a merchant seaman who eventually married into royal lineage (Princess Ahia) and became King Kamehameha I's adopted son and closest military advisor. The Beckley Clan was well respected in the royal courts of Kamehameha and my great grandfather especially, was held in high esteem throughout the monarchy reign.

Many stories were told to us children by my mother. Not all registered as well to me except for my interest in mysterious behaviors going on after the monarchy was overthrown. Of particular import to me was the story of my great grandfather Fred Beckley, Sr., and two other men: the Honorable Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox and Sam Toomey. In the very early nineteen hundreds, there was a conspiracy to murder all three of these men. Fred Beckley, Sr., Hon. Robert Wilcox and Sam Toomey were loyalists to the Hawaiian kingdom, the royal family and the Hawaiian people. The illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom, supported by congressional delegates who were family and friends to the haole conspirators, were highly suspect by these men. The means to get the Hawaiian lands and monarchy returned was a priority for them.

Knowing this, my mother told us that Beckley, Wilcox and Toomey were targeted and an attempt on their life was made a party in which glass filings were placed into their drinks to make it appear that the men would die from natural causes. The other two men lived including my great grandfather, Fred Beckley, Sr. However, mother told us that Mr. Wilcox did not make it. At that time, medical examination was not as sophisticated as it is today. Had a CSI unit been dispatched, they would have known that the death of Mr. Wilcox, according to my mother, was a conspiracy to end his life because of his loyalty to his people and because he was a descendant of the Great Kamehameha.

My family are historians and have written many articles on Hawaii. My family does not tell stories or write about them unless there is truth and authenticity to its claim.

Submitted in writing and to the best of my recollection regarding this particular story.  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN  
AFFAIRS**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**April 14, 2016, 10:45 AM, ROOM 325**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 163 – Commemorating And Honoring The  
Life Of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox,**

**CHAIR KANIELA ING AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS:**

*Aloha mai oukou,*

I offer this testimony today on behalf of the Coalition of Hawaiian Nationals, the body politic working to reinstate the Hawaiian Kingdom as the sovereign, independent national government of the Hawaiian Islands.

We **SUPPORT SCR 163** as it acknowledge and affirms the service of a true Hawaiian patriot, Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox.

We have only one amendment to suggest. That is to change one word in the paragraph that reads:

WHEREAS, on January 17, 1893, Queen Liliuokalani, realizing the futility of resisting American forces and in order to prevent bloodshed, surrendered and relinquished her authority over the Hawaiian Kingdom to the United States; and

We request the words “**surrendered and relinquished**” be stricken and replaced with the word, “**yielded**”, the actual word used by Queen Liliuokalani in stating her protest.

We further request that whenever appropriate, the term “**Native Hawaiian**” be replaced with the term, “**Hawaiian National(s)**” or “**Hawaiian Subjects**”, to properly identify the actual injured party that was deprived of their lawful government.

*Mahalo nui loa,*



Leon Siu

Chair

Coalition of Hawaiian Nationals,