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May 24, 2021

DEPT. COMM. NO. 515

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Speaker
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-85, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on May 21, 2021.

Respectfully,

KATHY L. KAOHU County Clerk

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Enclosure

Resolution

No. 21-85

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO RETIRED HAWAI'I STATE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER AND FORMER MAUI COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER J. KALANI ENGLISH FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Hawai'i State Senate Majority Leader J. Kalani English retired from his career as a legislator on May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Senator English was born on August 7, 1966, and was raised by his grandparents in Hamoa, Hāna, Maui, where they instilled a strong work ethic and dedication to family and community; and

WHEREAS, Senator English graduated from Kamehameha Schools, received a certificate from the Center for Public and Business Administration from National Chengchi University in Taiwan, a bachelor's degree in Pacific Island Studies from Hawai'i Loa College, and a master's degree in Pacific Island Studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and he was a fellow at the East-West Center Institute of Culture & Communications; and

WHEREAS, Senator English began his career in public service by working at the State Legislature as Chief of Staff for Senator Avery B. Chumbley; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a legislator on January 10, 1997, when he was selected by Councilmembers to join the Maui County Council, holding the seat for the East Maui residency area, following the passing of Councilmember Thomas P. Morrow; and

WHEREAS, Senator English was elected to the Council for a two-year term in 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Council, he initiated and supported legislation and funding to further innovations in technology, to promote indigenous architecture, and to enhance zoning and land-use laws; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, he was elected to the Hawai'i State Senate for the 7th Senatorial District, representing the people of Moloka'i, Lāna'i, East Maui, and Upcountry Maui; and

WHEREAS, Senator English was continuously reelected and served in numerous capacities for two decades, most recently as the Senate Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, as noted by a State Senate press release and in media accounts, Senator English introduced and shepherded to passage an array of bills, focusing on funding for the communities in his district and on issues of Hawaiian culture, the environment, transportation, and energy over the course of his legislative career; and

WHEREAS, one of his lasting legacies is the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, as Senator English introduced the landmark legislation that created the commission and aligned Hawai'i's climate policies with the principles and goals set forth in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, known as the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Maui and the State of Hawai'i have greatly benefitted from the dedication and unselfish public service of Senator English; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

- 1. That it expresses its appreciation to retired Hawai'i State Senate Majority Leader and former Maui County Councilmember J. Kalani English for his distinguished public service to the people of the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii; and
- 2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable J. Kalani English; his former Chief of Staff Jacob Aki; his loyal friends Leona Nomura and Dawn Lono; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawai'i State Senate; the County of Maui's delegation to the State Legislature; and the State of Hawai'i's delegation to the United States Congress.

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 21-85 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 21st day of May 2021, by the following vote:

`MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	Gabe JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Ауе	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused

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