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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE NEW KIHEI  
HIGH SCHOOL IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY  
T. MINK.

1           WHEREAS, United States Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was born  
2 Patsy Matsu Takemoto in 1927 in Paia, Maui, in the Territory of  
3 Hawaii; and

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5           WHEREAS, in her senior year at Maui High School,  
6 Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was elected the first female student  
7 body president, and graduated as her class valedictorian; and

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9           WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink quickly rose to  
10 national prominence as a barrier-breaker and dedicated champion  
11 of equality; and

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13           WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was elected to  
14 Hawaii's territorial House of Representatives and then went on  
15 to win election to the territorial Senate; and

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17           WHEREAS, in 1964, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink became the  
18 first woman of color, first Asian-American woman, and only the  
19 second woman from Hawaii to serve in the United States Congress;  
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22           WHEREAS, in 1970, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink courageously  
23 testified in opposition to President Richard Nixon's United  
24 States Supreme Court nominee, citing his refusal to hear a case  
25 about a woman who had been denied a job because she had young  
26 children; and

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28           WHEREAS, while in the United States House of  
29 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink introduced the  
30 first comprehensive initiatives under the Early Childhood  
31 Education Act, which included the first federal childcare bill,



1 and also worked on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
2 1965; and

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4 WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the  
5 Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, otherwise  
6 known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title  
7 IX); and

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9 WHEREAS, Title IX, co-authored by Congresswoman Patsy T.  
10 Mink in 1972, is but one jewel in the crown of her many shining  
11 achievements; and

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13 WHEREAS, during her tenure in the United States House of  
14 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink worked tirelessly  
15 for the fundamental rights of and equity for women, children,  
16 immigrants, and other disenfranchised people, especially in  
17 educational settings; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Education is in the process of  
20 building a new high school in Kihei to serve South Maui  
21 families, located a mere ten miles from where Congresswoman  
22 Patsy T. Mink herself attended high school; and

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24 WHEREAS, given her extraordinary dedication to advocating  
25 for educational equity and the overall well-being of children,  
26 there would be no better way to honor the legacy of  
27 Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink than to have an educational  
28 institution in her birthplace bear her name; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
33 Education is requested to name the new Kihei High School in  
34 honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
38 Education and Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui.

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