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## SENATE 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,  
32 and also worked on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
33 1965; and  
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1           WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the  
 2 Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, otherwise  
 3 known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title  
 4 IX); and

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

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

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

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

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 27          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
 28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
 29 that the Department of Education is requested to name the new  
 30 Kihei High School in honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink; and

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 32          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 33 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and  
 34 Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui.

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OFFERED BY: *Rosalyn H. Beh*

