
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 as the first female
7 student body president, and graduated as her class
8 valedictorian; and
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10 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink quickly rose to
11 national prominence as a barrier-breaker and dedicated champion
12 of equality; and
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14 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was elected to
15 Hawaii's territorial House of Representatives and then went on
16 to win election to the territorial Senate; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 1964, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink became the
19 first woman of color, first Asian-American woman, and only the
20 second woman from Hawaii to serve in the United States Congress;
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23 WHEREAS, in 1970, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink courageously
24 testified in opposition to President Richard Nixon's United
25 States Supreme Court nominee, citing his refusal to hear a case
26 about a woman who had been denied a job because she had young
27 children; and
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29 WHEREAS, while in the United States House of
30 Representatives, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink introduced the
31 first comprehensive initiatives under the Early Childhood
32 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 short distance 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,
32 that the Department of Education is requested to name the new
33 Kihei High School in honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink; and

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

