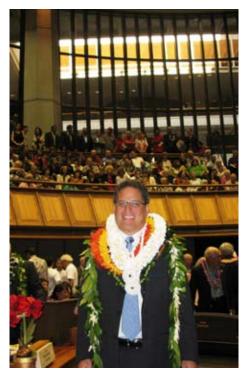


A Brand New Day For Hawai'i State Legislature



Sen. J. Kalani English celebrates the Opening Day of Legislative session with friends from his district and beyond. Senate Floor -Jan. 09



Sen. English presents Princess Abigail Kawananakoa with a triple ginger lei.



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Uncle Willie K performs favorites, an opera and three hana hou.



Honolulu Boy Choir, under the direction of Mr. Kale Chang delighted the enthusiastic crowd.

Sen. J. Kalani English takes the oath of office for the 25th Hawai'i State Legislature, his 4th term in the State Senate. 1,500 residents and organizations joined in the festivities of the Opening Day Ceremony and the feast that followed. Visit www.olelo. org - Senate Opening Day 1/21/09 to watch Olelo's broadcast of this moving and spirited session.

YEAR OF RENEWED HOPES & SERVICE

We enter the new Legislative Session of 2009 facing formidable challenges. We will meet these challenges with the same indomitable spirit with which we faced 2008, achieving one small victory after another.

Last year, I was elected president of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, allowing me to continue my work to further relationships in this region of the globe. I was honored by the dedication of a beautiful orchid in my name, and in turn honoring the legacy of our Hawaiian Princess Kaiulani. I witnessed groundbreaking projects of promise coming to completion, addressing critical transportation issues in our district.

I was encouraged by the enthusiasm of individuals and businesses of the 6th District to learn about and implement vital initiatives regarding renewable energies. I celebrated cultural traditions alongside my neighbors and celebrated the hopeful and historic event of the presidential election alongside my nation.

The victory we shared comes from the fact that we have remained steadfast and that we fought adversity, not with closed fists, but with open hands and open hearts. As always, your input and participation is vital and I ask that you make your concerns and voices heard. The demand for action has been very high within the Senate since Opening Day of the 2009 Session on January 21st and in this season of unity, I anticipate even greater effectiveness and collaboration across previous divides.

Aloha,

J. Kalami English

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SENATOR ENGLISH NOW PRESIDENT OF APIL



RMI Chief Justice Daniel Cadra (left) swore in the new APIL officer, President J.Kalani English. APIL has 12 member islands - the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, RMI, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Hawaii and two non- US affiliated islands, Nauru and Kiribati.



Republic of the Marshall Islands President Litkwoa Tomeng with APIL President, Senator J. Kalani English, Majuro, RMI - Dec 2008

The Marshall Islands Journal Friday, December 12, 2008

Senator J. Kalani English has been elected president of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), a voluntary organization representing twelve states from around the Pacific. The first Hawai'i legislator elected to lead APIL, Senator English previously served two terms as the association's vice president.

"It is an honor to be selected by my colleagues to serve the APIL. I want to make the organization more user-friendly to members, with less formality so members have more time to talk among each other." said English. He added that APIL membership cuts across all political jurisdictions, freely associated states, commonwealths and territories of the US, a state and independent nations not associated with the US. English said that APIL is looking to "grow partnerships" with other groups such as the United Nations Development Program, AusAID and the Republic of China.

The agenda included what he described as "very pressing issues," ranging from environment and health to economic development and the social well being of the populations in the islands.

BLESSINGS AND PROGRESS



Rev. Alalani Hill and Sen. J. Kalani English conduct the blessing of the new solar system atop the Kalama Intermediate School - Sept 2008



Sen. English visits the workers on the Kamehameha V Highway Improvements, Halawa Valley, Molokai - Oct 2008

2008 ~ ROADS AND HARBORS RENEWED



Sen. English celebrates the opening of Haleakala Highway widening project Dedication Ceremony, - September 2008



Senator J. Kalani English opens Piilani Highway, Hanawi Valley, Kaupo - Oct. 2008



Sen. English and Sherry Menze, Manele Small Boat Harbor Master the Manele Boat Harbor Dedication Ceremony, Lanai - August 2008

After driving down a portion of the newly completed Haleakala Highway widening project to arrive at the roadway's dedication and blessing, Sen. English said "I am so pleased we have implemented this highway improvement. It seems to work very well." Upcountry commuters and bicyclists will benefit with added safety and flow of traffic during peak usage times.

The earthquakes of October, 2006 severely damaged the Pi'ilani Highway, leading to the road's closure in December, 2006. Since then, remedial work has stabilized the hillside and cuts in the road. Senator English concludes that the results were worth the wait. "There's always a chance that someone is going to look back and ask why it took two years, and if maybe we could have gotten more attention along the way. I'm not one of those people. I believe our community is truly thankful that our access has been restored, and that the government listened to our concerns and gave us a safe way home."

Manele Harbor on Lana'i completed a \$13.7 million project to build facilities at the harbor. At the dedication ceremony led by Senator English, he stated, "Manele Harbor is the gateway to Lanai," adding that he estimated 80 percent of the traffic on and off the island goes through Manele. "It is mostly local people who use the ferry to Lahaina. The community here deserves a facility that is safe, comfortable and convenient."

New harbor amenities include a restroom, an administrative office, paved access roads and parking areas, waterlines, fire hydrants, a sewage pump station and a fuel dispensing facility, among other improvements.

HONORABLE ORCHID



Norman K. Mizuno, Senator J. Kalani English and Alan J. Davidson celebrate the naming of the new orchid, 'Kalani English' on the Senator's 42nd Birthday.



To learn about this orchid and more, please visit: http://www.haikumauiorchids.com/



Dedication Ceremony, Kahului Airport Common Use Passenger Processing System, Kahului Airport, - Oct. 2009

2008 To Honor & Celebrate



Senator English prepares for a televised interview in French Polynesia with Hiria Otino. - Dec 2008



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Sen. English visits the gravesite of Father Damien during a historic April 2008 visit to Molokai. During this visit, Senator English presented to former leprosy patients forcibly confined to the remote Kalaupapa Senate Concurrent Resolution 208, a formal apology for the hardships suffered by the people of Kalaupapa.





Senator J. Kalani English presents a Proclamation recognizing Oct. 8th as Princess Kaiulani Day. Receiving the award is founder of the Princess Kaiulani Festival and Band manager of the Isle of Maui Pipe Band, Norman Mizuno - Oct. 2008 For more information about the festival, visit http://www.isleofmauipipeband.com/festival.html



Senator English and Helen Nielsen celebrate the Makawao Hongwanji Mission Obon Festival. -July 2008



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