

**Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 1**

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE**

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel K. Inouye worked his entire life in the service of our State and our nation;

WHEREAS, few can comprehend, much less replicate the sacrifices he made in order to effectuate that service;

WHEREAS, his passing on December 17, 2012, ended much too suddenly his life's work that benefited countless citizens in immeasurable ways;

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board of Directors, on behalf of the HART 'ohana, wishes to remember and honor the Senator and his legacy of public service, through this resolution;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was born in Honolulu on September 7, 1924 and graduated from McKinley High School;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye's public service began in 1941 when he volunteered as a medical aide during the attack on Pearl Harbor;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye went on to volunteer during World War II as a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and demonstrated heroic courage and leadership;

WHEREAS, in honor of his service and sacrifice, Senator Inouye was awarded the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and 12 other medals and citations;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye then went on to graduate from the University of Hawai'i with a Bachelor's degree in government and economics in 1950, and from George Washington University Law School with a J.D. degree in 1953;

WHEREAS, upon graduation from law school, Senator Inouye's public service continued as he was admitted to the Hawai'i Bar and joined our City workforce as a deputy prosecutor;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye's distinguished public service continued as he was elected in 1954 to the Territorial House of Representatives, where he served as Majority Leader, and then to the Territorial Senate in 1958;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was elected to the eighty-sixth Congress as Hawai'i's first representative after Hawai'i became a state in 1959, and proudly represented the State in the United States Congress for 53 years thereafter;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye was the first Japanese American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and when he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, he became the first Japanese American to serve in the U.S. Senate, where he served in key leadership roles, including Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee from 2009 to 2012;

WHEREAS, while in Congress, part of Senator Inouye's vision and life's work for decades was championing a fixed guideway rail project for the people of the City and County of Honolulu;

WHEREAS, in the face of shifting political winds, Senator Inouye always recognized the objective and genuine need for transportation equity for the residents of West Oahu, and those who were committed to building the second city of Kapolei;

WHEREAS, in recent times, Senator Inouye loved telling the story that whenever he came home, he would force himself to drive to West O'ahu in traffic so that he could "swear" to himself about the need for traffic relief;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye's unmatched commitment to the rail project is a primary reason the Honolulu Rail Transit Project exists today;

WHEREAS, Senator Inouye's unwavering support of the project proved invaluable in securing \$1.55 billion in federal funding, thereby ensuring that this project, one of his many legacies, would proceed forward; and

WHEREAS, HART is eternally grateful for Senator Inouye's support, and remembers and honors him for his service to and love for the people of Hawai'i;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of HART, on behalf of the HART 'ohana, that:

1. The HART 'ohana expresses to the Inouye family its deep sorrow and sense of loss over the death of Senator Daniel K. Inouye;
2. The HART 'ohana gratefully recognizes the significant contributions made by Senator Daniel K. Inouye to the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i throughout his lifetime of public service;
3. The HART 'ohana expresses its profound appreciation for Senator Daniel K. Inouye's support for and championing of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project; and

4. This resolution shall be transmitted to the family and staff of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid  
Transportation on JAN 24 2013.

  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Board Administrator

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## STAFF SUMMARY

<b>TITLE:</b> IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE	<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b> Cindy Matsushita	<b>DATE:</b> January 24, 2013
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Type:	Goal	Focus Area	Reference Notes
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**1. Purpose:**  
 To acknowledge, memorialize, and express gratitude to the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye for his leadership and championing of the rail project.

**2. Background/Justification**  
 Senator Inouye, having recently passed, was a staunch advocate and supporter of the rail project. As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, his efforts were instrumental in moving the project forward.

**3. Procurement Background**  
 N/A

**4. Financial/Budget Impact**  
 N/A

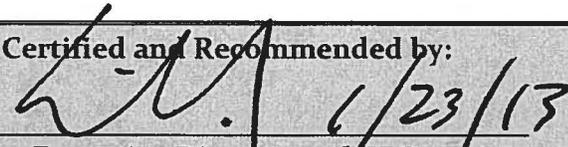
**5. Policy Impact**  
 N/A

**6. Public Involvement**  
 N/A

**7. Alternatives**  
 N/A

**8. Exhibits**  
 N/A

Certified and Recommended by:

  
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 Executive Director and CEO