

RESOLUTION NO. 9

RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel K. Akaka, devoted 36 years to the State of Hawaii as a dedicated member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Akaka was born in Honolulu, graduated from the Kamehameha School for Boys and served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Senator Akaka earned a bachelor of education degree funded through the G.I. Bill from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and worked as a high school teacher, vice-principal and principal; and

WHEREAS, Senator Akaka later earned a master's degree in education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and held positions in state government including chief program planner for the Department of Health, director of the Hawaii Office of Economic Opportunity and assistant to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Akaka was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976 to represent Hawaii's 2nd congressional district and served for over 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Akaka was appointed by Governor John Waihee to the U.S. Senate in 1990, becoming the first Senate member of Native Hawaiian ancestry, and went on to serve nearly 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Akaka was a beloved member of the U.S. Congress, and during his numerous years in public service, was an advocate for working families; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates to the Twenty-Second Biennial General Assembly of the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, that this body honors and commends Senator Daniel K. Akaka for his dedicated years of service to Hawaii and the U.S.; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this body extends a fond mahalo for Senator Akaka's accomplishments and much aloha for continued good health and happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to Senator Akaka and his family.

Introduced by: Priscilla Badua, Unit 4 Kauai - Presented at the 22nd Biennial General Assembly

Charter, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommends adoption Yes X No

General Assembly adoption Yes X No