

- In Memoriam -

Former State Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki

WHEREAS, Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki was born in Honolulu, graduated from McKinley High School, attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, and was a bandleader of the Duke Kawa's Band in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki served in the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, made up primarily of Japanese-Americans during World War II, building military defense projects on O'ahu, including a Flying Fortress airfield in Kahuku and a million-gallon water tank in Wahiawa; and


WHEREAS, Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki also worked as a stevedore and served as deputy managing director under Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi; and

WHEREAS, Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki served the O'ahu community from 1967 through 1986 as the State Senator in various leadership positions, including Assistant Majority Floor Leader and the Senate Vice President; and


WHEREAS, Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki is survived by his son, Guy; daughter, Jean Okimoto; brother, Harold; and four grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Kawasaki 'ohana on the passing of a father, grandfather, brother and friend; and as a mark of respect for the memory of Former State Senator Duke Takeshi Kawasaki, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the National Flag and Hawai'i State Flag be flown at half-staff at all state offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise to sunset on September 21, 2015.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of September 2015.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i