



DANIEL K. INOUYE
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Dear Friends:

September 7th, 2024, marked the 100th anniversary of Senator Dan Inouye's birth.



Ken, Jessica, and Maggie Inouye were in Yame City, Fukuoka, the ancestral homeland of the Inouye family, as guests of city officials to commemorate the 100th anniversary. They visited the family graves, the Inouye family residence, and the newly opened "Daniel Inouye Museum." The Institute donated artifacts and worked with the Yame City team to support the opening of the Museum.

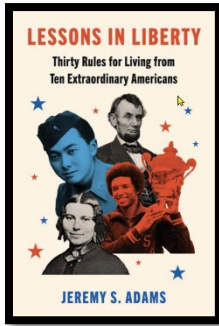


A festival was also held in the Joyo Town area with Hawaiian music and dance in honor of the Senator's 100th anniversary. It was no doubt a special and memorable family moment for Ken, Jessica, and Maggie.



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We received a link to a very special article shared in tribute to the Senator's birthday from longtime staff and confidant Richard Collins. It is titled, "Celebrating the Centennial of the Most Underappreciated Americans of our Time," which was a part of the book, "Lessons in Liberty: Thirty Rules for Living from Ten Extraordinary Americans" written by Jeremy S. Adams. There are many truisms in this essay. You will be nodding and smiling as you read. It will warm your heart. And, for those of us who had the good fortune to have worked for Senator, you will be immensely proud and humbled. You can read the article here -- <https://tinyurl.com/y9y22mpv>

And, we want to give you a sneak peek at a wonderful project we will complete shortly. Statues for Legends Foundation reached out to the DKI Institute, inviting us to partner with them to erect a bronze statue of Dan Inouye. Their mission is to recognize leaders of color, woman leaders, and others who may not receive the spotlight they otherwise deserve. Honestly, it took us a while to come up with a plan and a location — not too boastful and true to him.

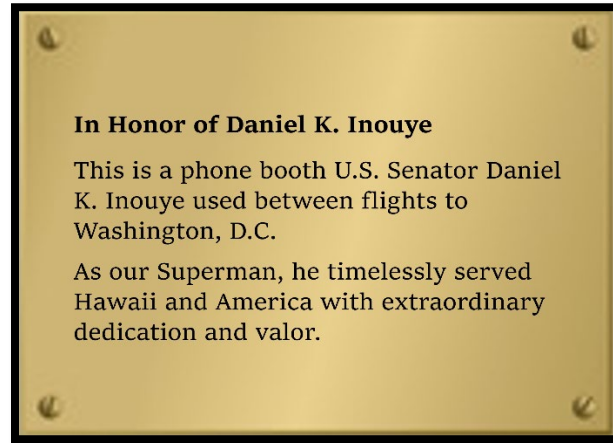


As old-timer staff will recall, when we dropped Senator off at the Honolulu International Airport (which now bears his name), he would check in, proceed to the United Terminal, and call us on one of the pay phones as he waited for his flight to be called. He did it for years, like clockwork, before the advent of cell phones!

Still "Under Construction" - Here is a sneak peek of "DKI" being placed in one of the reconstituted phone booths in the United Terminal. We also had a bronze pay phone made (we may need to add a small plaque describing what it is for the youngsters!) There is enough room on the bench for you to sit, "talk story," and take a selfie, too.



Our creative partner Kurt Osaki of Osaki Creative Group came up with the plaque that will be affixed to the bench.



Happy Birthday, Boss!

Aloha all,
Jen and Sara

