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Aloha Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, marked the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Senator Dan Inouye's passing. With all the goings-on in the world and at home – from the conflict perpetrated on Israel by Hamas, the increasing difficulty in finding compromise on Capitol Hill, to the tragic wildfire disaster in Lahaina - all detrimentally affecting the lives of everyday people, our thoughts never stray too far from our beloved Senator.



As previously shared, an extended DKI ohana gathered in the U.S. Capitol on October 25<sup>th</sup> for the unveiling of Senator's portrait as a part of the U.S. Senate's leadership series. This honor is reserved for those who have served as majority or minority leaders or as president pro tempore. It is the first portrait of color to hang as a part of this series.

We are pleased to share the official photo and description, prepared by the U.S. Senate's Office of the Secretary. It provides a broader description including an explanation of items on the desk - from the gavel he used to preside over the Iran-Contra Investigative hearings, his *Journey to Washington* book, a copy of the *Honolulu Star Advertiser*, a pewter cup with his adaptation of his *mon*, or family crest. And of course, the maile ilima lei draped on his chair, and his 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team E-Company flag.

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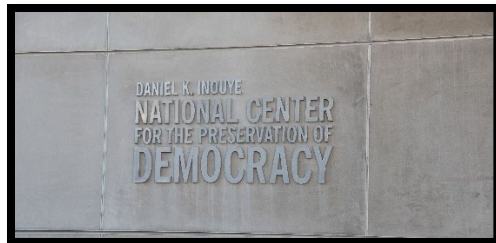
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The portrait hangs in the Cloakroom – the entry area where members enter the Senate floor. This allows senators to see and enjoy the beautiful work of art.



In early December, Jennifer traveled to Los Angeles to support the naming of the Daniel K. Inouye Center for the Preservation of Democracy, which is a part of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM). Senator and Irene, the founding JANM CEO, worked to establish this Democracy Center decades ago, as a place where important and difficult issues could be discussed. It is now more important than ever. Whether it was Japanese American redress, justice for Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives and Native Americans, citizenship for Filipino veterans or protecting Arab Americans from discrimination after 9-11, they all had a champion in Dan Inouye.



As a part of the DKI Center, there will be two inaugural lecture series beginning in 2024 – one named for Irene and the other for Norm Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation and Congressman from California.

We will also kick off a bi-partisan lecture series at the U.S. Institute for Peace with our partner, the Ted Stevens Foundation in the Summer of 2024.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for our armed forces standing watch on our behalf in faraway lands, and to thank those we see in our community for their service. Let us count our blessings and consider an act of kindness for those less fortunate during the holiday season.

Happy Holidays to all,  
DKII team – Jen and Sara