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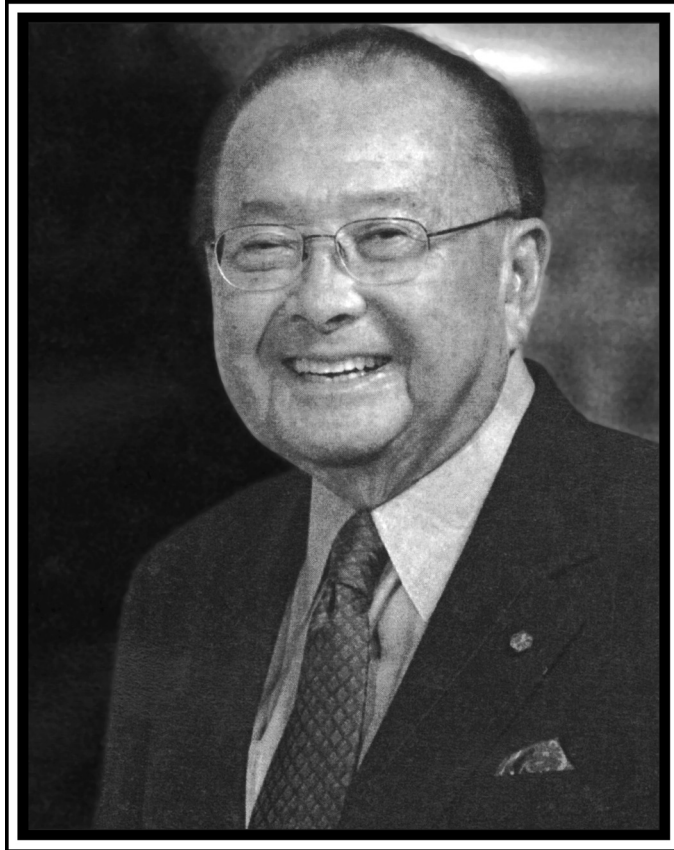
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BIOGRAPHY

DANIEL K. INOUE, the most senior Member of the U.S. Senate and the President pro tempore, was known for his distinguished record as a legislative leader, and as a World War II combat veteran with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who earned the Nation's highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor.

Although he was thrust into the limelight in the 1970s as a member of the Watergate Committee and in 1987 as chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee, he has also made his mark as a respected legislator able to work in a bipartisan fashion to enact meaningful legislation.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator INOUE focused on defense matters that strengthened national security and enhanced the quality of life for military personnel and their families.

This reflected his hope for a more secure world and his desire to provide the best possible assistance to the men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the United States.

In addition, he was the ranking Democrat on the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee and sat on the Rules Committee.

He helped establish the Inter-parliamentary Exchange Program between the U.S. Senate and Japan's legislature, and in 2000 the Government of Japan presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

On June 18, 2011, the Government of Japan made Senator INOUE the seventh American and the first of Japanese descent to receive the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers, the highest award in the Order of the Rising Sun.

Early in his tenure in the Senate, Senator INOUE delivered the keynote address at the 1968 Democratic National Convention and was under consideration to become Hubert Humphrey's Vice Presidential running mate that same year.

He became the first chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976 and served as the third rank-

ing leader among Senate Democrats as secretary of the Democratic Conference from January 1979 through 1988.

He chaired the Senate Democratic Central America Study Group to assess U.S. policy and served as senior counselor to the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America (also known as the Kissinger Commission).

Senator INOUE championed the interest of Hawaii's people throughout his career. With his support, Hawaii's infrastructure has been strengthened, its economy diversified, and its natural resources protected and restored. For local residents, particularly Native Hawaiians, whose history and welcoming culture give the State its defining characteristics, Senator INOUE has increased job training and employment opportunities, provided more community health care, and provided support services and research to help small businesses and diverse sectors, from agriculture to high technology.

His imprint is seen on all of the State's islands through initiatives such as Honolulu and Neighbor Island bus service, steady construction jobs in support of military infrastructure, the diversification of agriculture, the birth of the Kauai High Technology Center and the rise of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, the launch of the Maui supercomputer, the expansion of national parks and wildlife refuges in Hawaii, and the protection of Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles, the alala (Hawaiian crow), the nene goose, and coral reefs.

Senator INOUE got his start in politics in 1954 when he was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives; soon after his election, his Democratic colleagues, well aware of Senator INOUE's leadership abilities, selected him as their majority leader. In 1958 he was elected to the Territorial Senate. When Hawaii became a State in 1959, he was elected the first Congressman from the new State and was re-elected to a full term in 1960. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962 and served until his death.

On May 24, 2008, Senator INOUE married Irene Hirano, who is president of the U.S.-Japan Council. He was married for nearly 57 years to Margaret Awamura Inouye, a former instructor at the University of Hawaii, who passed away on March 13, 2006.

He is survived by a son, Ken, who is married to Jessica Carroll from Rochester, New York, a granddaughter, Mary Margaret "Maggie" Inouye, and stepdaughter Jennifer Hirano.

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FOR

DANIEL K. INOUE

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *December 17, 2012*

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise with a heavy heart. Our friend, DAN INOUE, just died.

I have never known anyone like DAN INOUE. No one else has. The kindness he has shown me during my time here in the Senate is something I will cherish always. He was a man who has lived and breathed the Senate. If there were ever a patriot, DAN INOUE was that patriot.

A week ago last Friday he and I spent some time together in his office, just the two of us alone. We spent an hour together, and we ended the meeting with both of us saying, “You know, we need to do this again.” Well, I won’t be able to do that again.

He was a wonderful Senator, brave soldier, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. He lost an arm in Italy. He said to me at that last meeting together, when I asked him, “DAN, did anything else happen to you, other than your arm?” He said, “Yeah, I got shot in the gut”—that is what he said—“and the leg a couple of times.”

We will all miss him, and that is a gross understatement. I wish I were capable of saying more, but that is all I can say. I have talked to his wife Irene. She is there, with his son. We have known for a few hours this wasn’t working out well for Senator INOUE. But he was certainly one of the giants of the Senate.

I remember what he said when his son asked why he fought the way he did after having been declared an enemy alien. He said he did it for the children. That was Senator INOUE. His commitment to our Nation will never be surpassed. His service in the Senate will be with the greats of this body.

Now I should ask my friend if he wishes to speak upon this issue. It would be my hope the two votes that are scheduled could both be done—for these judges—by voice vote. I don’t think it is appropriate to record a vote at this time.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the two judges be approved by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?
Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I think we all, at a subsequent time—I just talked to his wife and walked out here—will have some more formal remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I too am going to address the remarkable life of Senator INOUE at a later time, but I did want to make some observations here for a few moments at the time of his passing.

Senator INOUE was a man who, as we all know, rarely called attention to himself but who lived a remarkable American life filled with the dignity and grace of the true hero he was.

He was only 17 when he heard the sirens over Honolulu and saw the great planes flying overhead. At the time he dreamed of being a surgeon. A few years later a medic would be taking care of him after his heroic action in the Italian mountains, for which he would one day receive our Nation's most prestigious award for military valor.

DAN INOUE's dream of being a surgeon was not realized but there were other things in store. Instead, he became a member of one of the most decorated U.S. military units in American history and one of our Nation's longest serving and finest Senators.

An iconic political figure of his beloved Hawaii, and the only original member of the congressional delegation still serving in Congress, he was a man who had every reason to call attention to himself but who never did.

He was the kind of man, in short, that America has always been grateful to have, especially in our darkest hours—men who lead by example and who expect nothing in return.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I didn't mention, and I should have, but I really have been waiting the last hour or so to make sure it was okay with his wife that I come and say something, so I haven't had time to do much other than feel sadness about the loss of Senator INOUE.

As I indicated, I talked to Irene. I wasn't able to talk to Ken, but I did talk to Irene. I want to make sure everyone

understands the depth of my feelings—and I know I am speaking for the entire Senate. DAN INOUE believed in me, even more than I believed in myself. Many years ago—a couple of decades ago—he said, “You know, you’re going to do great things in the Senate,” and he always talked about my leading the Senate. He always came and said, “You did the right thing.” He would always tell you that you would do the right thing.

The chapter of DAN INOUE in the Senate is something that is remarkable, not only his military record but what he did with the defense aspects of our country, the security aspects of our country. And there was no one more bipartisan than Senator INOUE.

He has a brother who lives in Las Vegas, and a wonderful person he is, but he was as close to Ted Stevens as he was to any person could be to a brother. They were brothers. They called themselves brothers. So he set an example always about bipartisanship, about working with others. As far as being a good member of our caucus, no one was better than he was.

No one has been a better American than Senator INOUE. When we talk about people in Hawaii and who they revere, it is Senator INOUE. The State of Hawaii is going through a great deal at this time. Senator Akaka has announced his retirement, and now the death of Senator INOUE.

On behalf of all Senators, I express my appreciation for his service and his friendship.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank the majority leader. Today, the Senate, America, and especially his beloved citizens of Hawaii, lost a unique, brave, and wonderful legislator, a man who brought the most unique credentials to this institution of probably anyone who has ever served in this diverse body.

DAN INOUE was born of Japanese parents who came to Hawaii, as many Japanese did in that period of time at the turn of the century, to work in the pineapple fields and agriculture, which was a fundamental of the economy for the State of Hawaii. Their conditions were not good. They worked hard. But they raised their families with pride, with dignity and honor, and were proud to call themselves Americans.

DAN INOUE was as proud as any. As we know, one of the most shameful chapters of American history took place during World War II when an incredible act of injustice took place. The United States of America decided to intern Japanese Americans who lived in California. They were put into

internment camps because they happened to be Japanese Americans, not because they had done anything wrong, not that they did not love America, but because they happened to be Japanese Americans. By the way, some of those internment camps were in my home State of Arizona. Conditions were not terrible, but they were not good. People were incarcerated because they happened to be ethnic Japanese.

In Hawaii, there was a group of young Japanese Americans who decided they wanted to serve their country and they wanted to serve in uniform. One of the most well-known, famous, and most highly decorated units of World War II was the battalion in which DAN INOUE served. They were in many of the most gruesome and difficult blood-lettings of the entire conflict as the American forces fought their way up through Italy against a very well-trained, very well-equipped, professional German opposition. DAN INOUE was a proud member of this battalion. In fierce combat, DAN INOUE was gravely wounded on the battlefield. He was brought home. He, as we all know, lost his arm as a result of one of the wounds he sustained.

Interestingly and coincidentally, he went to a veterans hospital in Michigan where a person in the same ward was an American Army second lieutenant who had also been wounded seriously in Italy, one Bob Dole—2LT Bob Dole of Kansas. There began a friendship that lasted to this day, both gravely wounded, both dedicated more than ever to serve their country. Both served with distinction. The friendship and the bonds of friendship that were forged in that hospital between Bob Dole and DAN INOUE were unique and enduring.

So DAN INOUE returned to his beloved Hawaii. The story goes—and I do not know if it is true or not—the story goes that DAN INOUE went down to join the veterans organization, and when he applied for membership, he was told that the only members they took in that organization were Caucasian.

DAN INOUE decided that he wanted to continue to serve his country and the State of Hawaii. He was the first Senator from the State of Hawaii and has served longer than any Senator in this institution. He was loved by all of us. I did not always agree with DAN. Occasionally, we had differences about how we use appropriations bills. No one—no one ever accused DAN INOUE of partisanship or unfairness.

He loved Native Americans, and he loved his Hawaiians. One of the more rewarding periods of my time here in the

Senate was being on the Indian Affairs Committee under his chairmanship. Very important pieces of legislation came out of that committee. It was a great honor for me to have the privilege to serve with DAN INOUE. He loved Native Americans. He knew that Native Americans had been wronged in our history. He knew that solemn treaties must be honored by our Government even if those treaties sometimes meant that there would be significant expenditures of America's tax dollars.

Have no doubt that our treatment of Native Americans and the treatment of Native Hawaiians is not the most glorious chapter in American history when we look back at what happened to the proud Native Americans and the Native Hawaiians as their civilizations collided with the civilization that came to the United States of America from around the world.

DAN INOUE fought for the things he believed in and the principles that he held dear. He held nothing more dear than the glory of being able to serve people who needed to be served.

DAN INOUE will be missed. There will not be another like him. There will not be another Senator literally deprived of his rights. There will not be another Senator who will serve in length and with the dedication that DAN INOUE served this Senate and his beloved Hawaii. So we will all miss DAN INOUE. I hope from time to time, with the bitter partisanship that exists here sometimes in the Senate, maybe we could use DAN INOUE's record as an example of bipartisan friendship, and a willingness to reach across the aisle and work with the other side; it characterized DAN INOUE's record here in the Senate.

For some reason, when I heard and thought about DAN's passing today, I was reminded of another person who died and is buried on the island of Samoa, and his poem is inscribed on his gravestone as an epitaph. I think it applies to our dear and beloved friend who passed today. It was by Robert Lewis Stevenson. I quote:

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you 'grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.

I see my dear and beloved friend, the other Senator from Hawaii, Dan Akaka, on the floor.

I thank you, DANNY, and God bless.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. AKAKA. Madam President, it is very difficult for me to rise today—with a heavy heart—to bid *aloha* to my good friend, colleague, and brother, DAN INOUE. It is hard for me to believe that the terrible news I just received is true. Senator INOUE was a true patriot and an American hero in every sense, and he is at this time in Hawaii the greatest leader.

He served his country as a soldier, receiving the highest honor our Nation can bestow. When we think of how he began to serve his Nation, it is difficult to believe the difficulty we had in Hawaii as Japanese Americans. To be a part of our Nation's military—we were denied. We were considered aliens of this country. But he was one of those who wanted to serve his country, and they went to the highest level to receive that dignity, and eventually they were given the honor to serve our country. As we now know, it became the greatest unit in military history, with the most decorations of any unit and also with the highest levels of decoration, of the Medal of Honor.

He served as a leader, the second longest serving Member of the U.S. Senate in our Nation's history. He served as a defender of the people of this country, championing historic charges for civil rights, including the equal rights of women, Asian Americans, African Americans, and Native Hawaiians. It is an incredible understatement to call him an institution. This Chamber will never be the same without him.

I remember, in our childhood in Hawaii, that Hawaii was a diversified place. Where I lived in Pauoa Valley, there were many Japanese families who lived around us. There were many nights that I spent sleeping in the homes of our Japanese families, ate their food, slept on the *tatami* on the floor, and I really was brought up with the Japanese families. So when the war broke out, I couldn't understand what was happening because there were families who were removed from the community, and, of course, at that time the Japanese American boys weren't allowed to be in the military, but they pursued it because they wanted to serve this country as well. This is why, in my time in Congress, I focused on trying to help the Japanese Americans in this country

and the Asians in this country as well, and to help them achieve what they really earned.

I remember seeking the Medal of Honor for the unit and for those who fought in World War II, and I provided the Pentagon with 100 names from these units. I was really surprised that there were finally 21 of them who were selected for the Medal of Honor, and Senator INOUE was one of them. That showed that they were willing to give their lives for this country, and they did. Since then, he continued to serve his country.

We all used the GI bill to be educated in Hawaii. We went to the University of Hawaii, graduated from there, and went on to further degrees. They came back, in a sense, those who could help the communities, and became leaders.

In the case of DANNY INOUE, he was one of the ones who turned the tide in Hawaii politically since 1954, and by 1959 we became a State. Senator INOUE ran for office and was our first Member of the House. After one term, he moved to the Senate because Senator Long decided to retire. As a result, Senator Matsunaga was elected to the House and served the House and also the Senate as well, and he also was a member of the 100th Infantry during World War II. The Japanese Americans really served our country, and DANNY INOUE is one of those great leaders in the history of this country.

Through my career in Congress, I have been proud to be on DAN's team. We have worked on everything from appropriations to Native Hawaiian rights, to veterans and to defense. All of us in Hawaii looked up to him, and we are so sad to see him go.

DANNY INOUE leaves behind him a list of accomplishments unlikely ever to be paralleled. His lifelong dedication and hard work in the name of his beloved country, the United States of America, influenced every part of his life and set him apart, even in the Senate. He was a fierce advocate as a senior member of several committees, and the way he conducted himself commanded respect from all with whom he worked.

His legacy is not only the loving family he leaves behind, it can be seen in every mile of every road in Hawaii, in every nature preserve and every facility that makes Hawaii a safer place. He fulfilled his dream of creating a better Hawaii. He gave us access to resources and facilities that the mainland States, I would say, took for granted.

Tomorrow will be the first day since Hawaii became a State in 1959 that DANNY INOUE will not be representing us in Congress. Every child born in Hawaii will learn of DANNY INOUE, a man who changed the islands forever.

I join all of the people of Hawaii tonight in praying for his wife Irene, his son Ken, and his daughter-in-law Jessica; his stepdaughter Jennifer, and his granddaughter Maggie, who really tickled his life. Whenever I had a chance to chat with him, we talked about Maggie. His family brought him so much joy in his life and will carry his legacy forward.

I am going to miss DAN, and so will all of us here in the Senate, and this great country will also. He represented a true American, and for us in Hawaii, he represented a true Hawaiian in Hawaii. He served Hawaii and this country well.

DAN and I have worked so well together all these years. When I was in the House and on the Appropriations Committee there, we worked very well between the House and the Senate. Many of the renovations that have come about in Hawaii were because of DANNY, and he really helped to shape Hawaii and this great country. He brought here on Earth a kind of life that people of our country and this world can follow to be great citizens of the world.

DAN, my dear friend and colleague, you will be missed in Washington as much as you will be missed in Hawaii. Rest in peace. God bless you and your spirit.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

TUESDAY, *December 18, 2012*

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be numbered, keep us aware of life's brevity and uncertainty. As we bid *aloha* to the second longest serving Senator in U.S. history, DANIEL KEN INOUE, we praise You for the beauty of his well-lived life. Thank You, Lord, for the years we shared with him, the good we saw in him, and the friendship we received from him. We are grateful for the dignity of his quiet strength that blazed a trail of significant service sufficient for two lifetimes. May the memories of his bipartisan spirit challenge us to work more harmoniously with each other. Bless Irene, Kenny, and the rest of his loved

ones. Surround them with Your love. Now give us strength to leave our beloved President pro tempore in Your care, for he is a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, and a servant of Your own redeeming. Give him the blessed rest of everlasting peace.

We pray in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is tradition in this body to have flowers on the desk of the departed. We have flying in from Hawaii now a lei that will be more Hawaiian than these roses.

I ask unanimous consent that we now have a moment of silence in honor of our departed friend, DAN INOUE.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will observe a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I thank my friend, the majority leader.

Today is indeed a day to celebrate the life and extraordinary service to our country of our friend, Senator DAN INOUE. I will have more to say about that later, but what a remarkable individual he was. It has been our privilege to have the opportunity to get to know him and observe his great work for a very long time.

I thank my friend, the majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I came to the floor yesterday minutes after Irene—Senator INOUE's wife—confirmed the death of her husband, my friend, a friend of all of us here.

I was, frankly, very emotional and announced to the Senate and the country the death of one of the Senate's alltime greats. So today, upon contemplation and reflection, I am going to say a little bit more about Senator INOUE.

His personal friendship I valued so very, very much. He was a colleague but really a friend. He helped me so many times. He helped me to do my best here. My best has been with the help of him.

As I mentioned briefly yesterday, he always had so much confidence in me. Years ago, when I was a Senator struggling, as all Senators here, he told me two decades ago I would be running the Senate someday. I never even contemplated, thought about, or desired that. Things worked out that he was right.

Senator INOUE, one of the finest men I have ever known, was a real American hero. My friend who is on the Senate floor, the assistant leader, has heard me talk about my mentor, Michael Callahan, who taught me in high school, helped me with money as I was going to law school, and he was on a pension. He was a disabled veteran. He was such a good friend of mine. He and Senator INOUE were friends. They talked about what it is like to not have a limb. While Callahan's was a leg, INOUE's was an arm. They talked and they were friends, and Michael Callahan worked back here as an aide to Senators Cannon and Bible in the summers and got to know Senator INOUE.

My thoughts are, of course, with his family, including his wife Irene, his son Ken, their daughter-in-law Jessica. He has a stepdaughter Jennifer, and a granddaughter Maggie, named after, of course, his first wife. Their loss is the Nation's loss.

Last night we lost a noble soul. DAN INOUE lived a long productive life. Still, I speak for DAN's Senate family when I say we are devastated by his passing. While we will all miss him, his legacy will live in the Halls of the Senate and the State of Hawaii as long as history is written. His place in the history books will not fade.

As the second longest serving Senator in our history, Senator INOUE's career in Congress spanned the life of Hawaii's statehood. Elected to the Senate in 1962, only Robert Byrd served longer. But Senator INOUE's tradition of service began long before he came to the U.S. Senate.

He was working as a medical volunteer when Japanese warplanes attacked Pearl Harbor. He was just a boy, a teenager. From the time he was just a kid, he wanted to be a medical doctor. But a different fate awaited DAN INOUE.

After the attack, as we all know too well, Japanese Americans were deemed enemy aliens and were therefore not subject to the draft. More than 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry were imprisoned in American internment camps. We have seen the pictures. We have heard the stories. They were in prison. Yet DAN INOUE and other Japanese Americans, in spite of the unfair designation of being an enemy alien, volunteered to fight for this Nation's freedom overseas, although many of their own families were denied freedom at home while they were overseas.

Senator INOUE fought courageously with the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II and was grievously wounded in battle in Italy.

A paragraph or two is written about why a Medal of Honor recipient was given this award:

On April 21, 1945, INOUE was grievously wounded while leading an assault on a heavily-defended ridge near San Terenzo in Tuscany, Italy, called Colle Musatello. The ridge served as a strong-point along the strip of German fortifications known as the Gothic Line, which represented the last and most dogged line of German defensive works in Italy. As he led his platoon in a flanking maneuver, three German machine guns opened fire from covered positions just 40 yards away, pinning his men to the ground. INOUE stood up to attack and was shot in the stomach; ignoring his wound, he proceeded to attack and destroy the first machine gun nest with hand grenade and fire from his Thompson submachine gun. After being informed of the severity of his wound by his platoon sergeant, he refused treatment and rallied his men for an attack on the second machine gun position, which he also successfully destroyed before collapsing from blood loss.

As his squad distracted the third machine gunner, INOUE crawled toward the final bunker, eventually drawing within 10 yards. As he raised himself up and cocked his arm to throw his last grenade into the fighting position, a German inside fired a rifle grenade that struck him on the right elbow, severing most of his arm and leaving his own primed grenade reflexively "clenched in a fist that suddenly didn't belong to me anymore." INOUE's horrified soldiers moved to his aid, but he shouted for them to keep back out of fear his severed fist would involuntarily relax and drop the grenade. As the German inside the bunker reloaded his rifle, INOUE pried the live grenade from his useless right hand and transferred it to his left. As the German aimed his rifle to finish him off, INOUE tossed the grenade off-hand into the bunker and destroyed it. He stumbled to his feet and continued forward, silencing the last German resistance with a one-handed burst from his Thompson before being wounded in the leg [and] tumbling unconscious to the bottom of the ridge. When he awoke to see his concerned men of his platoon hovering over him, his only comment before being carried away was to gruffly order them to return to their positions, since, as he pointed out, "nobody called off the war!"

That is the citation on his Medal of Honor.

His arm was later amputated in a field hospital, and he was sent back to the United States to recover. But it took years for him to do so.

I remember in the LBJ Room over here, after Patty Murray and others talked about what a difficult time returning veterans were having from Iraq, him talking about some of his experiences. They trained him to drive vehicles. He took driver's license tests in more than one State. He became very personal and talked about some of the things they taught him—missing an arm—that he had to do. It was a remarkable presentation that he made.

Senator INOUE did not talk very much. He was a silent man—did not talk very much at all. He had a dynamic voice. We have not felt that voice in the last few years because he has not been as powerful as he was as he has aged, but what a beautiful voice he had. In that hospital they took him to

in Michigan, Senator INOUE made two lifelong friends: one, Senator Bob Dole who, as we know, became majority leader in the Senate and Republican nominee for President of the United States; his other lifetime friend the late Senator Phil Hart, who was known as the conscience of the Senate. The Hart Building, the massive Senate Office Building, is named after him.

Asked by his son why, after being classified as an enemy alien, he and the members of the famed 442nd fought so heroically, Senator INOUE said, in his usual calm manner, “for the children.” And for the children there could be no finer role model than Senator DAN INOUE. He was a recipient of the Medal of Honor and the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor the Congress can bestow. He received the Distinguished Service Cross, a Bronze Star for valor and, of course, a Purple Heart. DAN INOUE showed the same dedication in Congress that he displayed on the battlefield.

I want to take a little bit here and talk about a meeting I had—I mentioned it very briefly last night, but it was 10 days ago. I knew Senator INOUE was not feeling well so I went down to his office. He has a remarkable office. It is a beautiful office. But there is not one single thing on the walls depicting what a great man he is. There are no awards, there are no commemorative statues. All he has in his office are pictures of Washington and Hawaii. That is the humility he showed his entire life.

There was no staff there, just the two of us. We talked for an hour. I would have always remembered it, but his having passed away yesterday, it will be embedded in my mind. As we left, we both lamented the fact that we had not been able to sit down and talk like that enough. He professed at that time—these were his words—how “lucky” he had been his whole life. He said, “I’ve got a little emphysema now.”

I said, “It is not from smoking. I have never seen you smoke.”

He said, “No, I learned to smoke in the war as a boy, a teenager.” He smoked from 1944 to 1967, when they told him he had lung cancer. They were wrong, but in the process they took part of his lung out, half of his lung. He talked about how lucky he had been, surviving what he thought was lung cancer, but also how lucky he had been his whole life. For example, the war. I am sure that most people would not reflect on such massive injuries as being lucky, but he considered it lucky that he lived.

There were other examples he gave. He had been called upon, with three other soldiers, to cross a river in the dark of night to find out what was going on on the other side of the river. He and his companions, in the dark of the night didn't have fancy gear to see in the dark; they did their best—they crossed that cold river. It took many hours. They came back, did their report, and he laid down on his bunk. He had an ingrown toenail that hurt every step he took. So he is lying on his bed and he said, "Here is why I am so lucky. A medic came by, looked at me, looked at my foot, and he said you have gangrene poisoning; we have to get you out of here."

They took him out and he said, "How lucky I was I was not in battle that day"—when half of his companions were killed.

He also talked about preparing for another battle. He was getting ready to do this. He was a private; he may have been a corporal, I don't really remember. He said a sergeant came to him and said: "INOUE, report to the colonel." He didn't know what was wrong. He reported to the colonel. The colonel said very curtly, "You have to meet with the General today." He said the only reason he would know of to meet with the General was a court martial, because that is what everybody thought. So he went to headquarters. He saw the General. The General told Senator INOUE, "I am promoting you to be a lieutenant." It was a battlefield promotion. But he said, "I was lucky. I was lucky I became an officer but," he said, "I was lucky I was not in the fight that day because we also had huge losses."

When he was scheduled to come back to America—another one of his lucky experiences—they had a transport plane to take him back. His arm was gone by then. He was told we don't have room for another litter, for another patient on the airplane. You can't go. He of course was disappointed. Then the plane crashed and everybody on the plane was killed.

So DAN INOUE was a person who considered himself lucky. Those of us who knew Senator INOUE consider ourselves lucky, just being able to know the man.

After Hawaii received its statehood in 1959, DAN INOUE served as its first Congressman. Three years later he was elected to the Senate, and he was a soft but powerful voice for the people of Hawaii ever since.

There are many personal courtesies he extended to me that I will never forget. It may not seem like much, but I was scheduled to be in Florida and I promoted this—I was

a new Senator—and the great Senator INOUE was going to be there. I got a call from Henry Giugni. Most of us who served here knew him. He used to be Sergeant at Arms. For a long time he was Senator INOUE's chief of staff. He said, "I checked his schedule and it's his wife's birthday and he is not going to be able to go." I said I understand that.

Within an hour I got a call from Senator INOUE. He said Millie understands that totally. He said we will celebrate the birthday the day after tomorrow, when I come back. He was someone who was so self-sacrificing for other Senators.

As Senator INOUE's colleague from Hawaii, Senator Akaka, said last night:

His legacy . . . can be seen in every mile of every road in Hawaii, in every nature preserve and every facility that makes Hawaii a safer place. He fulfilled his dream of creating a better Hawaii.

He was a strong supporter of the University of Hawaii, a strong supporter of George Washington University Law School. He got his bachelor's degree in Hawaii, his law degree at George Washington. He was a determined representative of this Nation's fighting men and women, a longtime leader of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

As I mentioned briefly last night—I have been here as long as my friend the assistant leader here who is seated next to me today; we have been here 30 years—there has been no one I have ever known in my 30 years who did more and fought more for the fighting men of this country. He believed that the Nation's commitment to the members of the Armed Forces did not end with their service.

For fear it would be lost, and it should not be lost, I want to enter on the *Record* what this good man did at a Prayer Breakfast a couple of months ago. I can't remember if the Presiding Officer was at the Prayer Breakfast, but I know my friend the assistant leader was there. Senator INOUE had never, ever in his 50-plus years in Congress spoken at a Prayer Breakfast, but he decided to come. He had great vigor until just recently. He campaigned in this last cycle. He traveled to Alaska to help Senator Begich a few months ago. He campaigned in Nevada, in Arizona, all over the country. He had great vigor. But he came to the breakfast and talked to us about his experiences.

When he was a boy, he never had a gun. That was not anything people did in Hawaii. So he was surprised after he got in the Army that he was such a great shot. He was the best—the best. As a result of that he became a sniper in the European theater. With great humility he explained he could

remember killing his first person. He could remember they were trying to take a farmhouse and they shot a bazooka into it and he rushed in and there was a man there. The man reached in his pocket. Of course Senator INOUE thought he was reaching for a weapon, and the man was killed. And DANIEL INOUE saw that he was reaching for a picture of his family. He said he came to the realization at that time that he was not killing enemy soldiers, he was killing other human beings.

Although he had to continue doing what he did, he ended his presentation by saying, "I know exactly how many people I killed." He said, "A lot of people go to bed at night counting sheep. Even though I am an old man, I go to bed at night many times counting people."

He was somebody who, as a result of his experiences, voted against war from then on. He did not support the Vietnam war, Iraq war 1 and 2, Afghanistan—even though he made sure that our military force had all the supplies it needed. It is the greatest fighting force in the world. A lot of that is directly attributable to Senator INOUE.

Talking about bipartisanship, he lived that. He was a fine Democrat. He was a progressive Democrat and was proud of that. But he never hesitated to cross over and work with other Senators. The best example of that was Senator Stevens, who was killed in an airplane crash fairly recently in Alaska. Hawaii and Alaska—these two fine men representing the two newest States in the Union, became like brothers. That is the truth.

It is really a shame that DAN is not with us anymore. He was never afraid to speak out against discrimination and was an important advocate for Native Hawaiians and Asian Pacific Islanders. He was the chair of the Indian Affairs Committee. Prior to that time, with all due respect to all the other chairs, it was not a committee people knew much about. Senator INOUE made that committee a powerful committee. He traveled the country receiving all the accolades from the tribes that had never been recognized, that had never had someone who became their advocate—and he was. He put the Indian Affairs Committee on the map.

He served as chairman of the Commerce Committee, the Appropriations Committee, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the first chair of the Committee on Intelligence. He served as a member of the Watergate Committee and was chairman of the Special Committee Investigating the Iran-

Contra Affair. I repeat, this man has been one of the greatest Senators in the history of this great country.

He had a deserved reputation as a bipartisan bridge builder. He always put his country first and his party second. In 1968 Senator INOUE gave a memorable keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention. He spoke eloquently of the country's struggles with racism at a time of deep division. He also spoke from the heart. This is part of what he said:

I wish to share with you the most sacred word of Hawaii. It is *aloha*. To some of you who visited us it may have meant hello. To others *aloha* may have meant goodbye. But to those of us who have been privileged to live in Hawaii, *aloha* means I love you. So to all of you, my fellow Americans, *aloha*.

That is what he said those many years ago. So today it is with a heavy heart that those of us who loved Senator INOUE say "*aloha*" to a great man, a legend of the Senate. His final, dying word was "*aloha*." He did not mean goodbye. He meant "I love you."

Senator INOUE, I love you.

Mr. DURBIN. . . . I come to the floor this morning for a few moments to pay tribute to one of my great friends and one of my great colleagues, DANNY INOUE, who passed away yesterday. The majority leader has done such an extraordinary job recounting his life, and I think back to what it must have meant to him as he witnessed Pearl Harbor at the age of 17. He said that he realized at the time that the pilots in those planes that were bombing his family and others in Hawaii were people of the same ancestry as his father, and it hurt him. It hurt him as well to be branded as suspect because of his Japanese origin and to see literally tens of thousands of Japanese Americans interned in camps because their loyalty was questioned.

He took the opportunity to volunteer and serve our Nation to prove his loyalty and that he was willing to risk his life for America. He served in one of the most highly decorated units in all of World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was comprised of Japanese Americans who fought in the European theater. They recently came to Washington to be honored. Senator INOUE was there, and it was a great moment to see these men of the Greatest Generation who have proven to America their love for this country, and none more so than DANNY INOUE.

Senator Reid has recounted in detail the incredible story of his bravery that earned him the Congressional Medal of

Honor, but he was such a humble man. When we look back on his life, there were so many aspects of it that were historic in nature, and one would never know it in conversations with him or working with him.

Senator Reid had the same experience I did. I visited Senator INOUE's office, and it was unusual by Senate standards. I looked across the office, and there were no pictures of DANNY INOUE on the walls, and there were no awards for this man who served more than half a century in Congress.

I said to him, "It is interesting that your office has a lot of artwork and photos but nothing about DANNY INOUE."

He said, "No, I didn't want to put those things up. I wanted everyone to feel at ease coming in here. I didn't want to talk about my party affiliation or what I had done. I want them to feel comfortable and to know this is a welcoming office."

That is the kind of person he was. Time and again, he proved it.

He started off in the Territorial House of Representatives in Hawaii. When Hawaii became a State, he served in the Congress and later in the U.S. Senate. He was there from the beginning, and what a dynamic leader he was for his State of Hawaii. He did so many great things over the years.

I was at the same Prayer Breakfast Senator Reid recounted. There was one other story he told, which I will only refer to in the most abbreviated form. He talked about his experience as a sniper and how he still had in his mind the images of those enemy soldiers he shot down. After 50, 60 years, he could not get those images out of his mind.

He talked about befriending one of his fellow veterans in the Michigan veterans hospital. He told me this great story he shared at the Prayer Breakfast. He said that when he was an officer, he would spend his weekends in the great city of Chicago at the Knickerbocker Hotel. He said that was the hotel for officers.

He said, "I would come into Chicago and have a great time on the weekends and head back to the veterans hospital."

Well, he finally talked one of his fellow Hawaiians—a man whose face had been literally burned off—into joining him on one of his trips to Chicago. The man was embarrassed by his appearance and didn't think anybody would want to be around him or talk to him. DANNY INOUE prepared all of these different places where they would stop in during their visit, and every one of them greeted Senator INOUE and his friend in a warm fashion.

The story goes on from there, and I won't go into the details, but he was a man who always looked to help someone else. He talked about how this man who had been so brutally injured in the war returned to Hawaii, raised a family, and was DANNY INOUE's friend for life, as so many of us were.

I think back as well to Senator Robert C. Byrd's funeral in West Virginia. It was one of the hottest days I can remember. We were up there baking in the sun at this memorial service for Robert C. Byrd. I intentionally picked a seat next to DANNY INOUE. I had to take off my jacket. I was mopping the perspiration off, and I looked at him in his dark suit without a bead of sweat.

I said, "How do you do that?"

He said, "Well, you know, the Asian religions are very important in my life, and they believe mind over matter can achieve great things. I can visualize myself sitting in a deep freeze now, and I am not hot at all."

I thought, this man is amazing in so many different ways. When he is done with his life, those stories—some serious, some lighthearted—will reflect so well on this man and what he meant.

One of the most important things I have on my agenda is the passage of the DREAM Act. I have worked on it for 11 years, and there was a time on the floor of the Senate—September 21, 2010—when I could not break the Republican filibuster on the DREAM Act, and I was pretty despondent over it. Senator Reid came to the floor and said a few kind words about my efforts, but then out of nowhere Senator INOUE sought recognition. He knew that I was trying to get for millions of these young people living in America a chance to serve their Nation, prove their love, and become legal citizens in America. I will read what he said because it touched me. He said:

Madam President, I wish to step back in history, if I may. On December 7, 1941, something terrible happened in Hawaii—Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese. Three weeks later, the Government of the United States declared that all Japanese Americans, citizens born in the United States or of Japanese ancestry, were considered to be enemy aliens. As a result, like these undocumented people, they could not put on the uniform of this land.

Senator INOUE went on to say:

Well, I was 17 at the time, and naturally I resented this because I loved my country and I wanted to put on a uniform to show where my heart stood. But we were denied. So we petitioned the government, and a year later they said, "Okay, if you wish to volunteer, go ahead."

Senator INOUE said, "Well, to make a long story short, the regiment I served in, made up of Japanese Americans, had the highest casualties in Europe but the most decorated in the history of the United States."

He turned and said, "I think the beneficiaries of the Senator from Illinois," and the DREAM Act, "will do the same."

It was the type of short statement that in a few words captured his life, his sacrifice, and what he had proven by risking his life for this country. There is a reason we honor him this morning.

I close by saying two things. First, Senator Akaka came to the floor last night—his colleague of so many years—and put in a few words. He said on the floor last night, "Tomorrow will be the first day since Hawaii became a State in 1959 that DAN INOUE will not be representing us. He really worked to shape Hawaii and this great country."

He went on to say, "You will be missed in Washington as much as you will be missed in Hawaii. Rest in peace [Senator INOUE]."

That was Danny Akaka's farewell tribute, and it summarizes how much he meant to Hawaii and how much he meant to America. His last word: "*aloha*." As Senator Reid said, it is so appropriate that this kind and gentle American hero would leave the message of love for everyone else. That was his life.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from California.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the eloquent remarks made by my colleague Senator Durbin, Senator Reid, and all those who have come to praise a one-of-a-kind Senator and extraordinary human being, my friend DAN INOUE.

I was telling Senator Lieberman that when the Senate put on a little retirement dinner for our retiring Senators—including Senator Lieberman—there was Senator INOUE. When we look back, it was only 2 weeks ago. We know he could not have been strong, he was not well, but he came to that dinner and sat at that table because of the love and respect for the individual Senators and for this institution.

As for me, I will miss DANNY's sonorous voice, his big heart, his self-effacing manner, his integrity, and his patriotism.

Over the years, so many of us have worked together on so many issues with DAN. I worked on bringing a state-of-the-art, first-ever comprehensive casualty care center to my State to take care of the wounded vets who were coming home without their limbs, with post-traumatic stress, and with all the problems they had. There was no such place on the west coast, and with DAN's help—and we worked with Senator Stevens—we got it done. Now that facility really stands as a tribute to DAN INOUE.

In 2010 I had a very difficult campaign, as most of us did at that time, and DAN said, "I am going to come out there and help you." I was under fierce attack, and we had an event for veterans. DAN was a speaker, and I was a speaker. As I was speaking, we heard these voices of screaming demonstrators yelling things that were not complimentary toward me, let's put it that way. It was very loud, and I was so humiliated and embarrassed. Here was this amazing patriot, and they would keep screaming when DANNY was speaking about my work and his work for veterans. Sure enough, the demonstrators kept it up, and I was very upset.

I went up to him and I put my arm around him when he was finished and said, "DAN, I am so embarrassed. I am so sorry."

He said, "Barbara, they are not going to beat you by screaming. Don't worry about it."

He went on to a couple of other events, and he took his wife to them. He was extraordinary.

I loved DANNY with all of my heart. Every time I looked at him, I smiled because he was so good. He was such a good person, and I pay tribute to him today. I don't think we will ever replace him. We will never replace this remarkable American. He personified the meaning of love and the meaning of country.

I send my love to his family.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I thank the Chair. . . . I note with extraordinary respect and a sense of loss the death of our truly beloved colleague, Senator DAN INOUE of Hawaii. America, as Senator Reid and Senator Durbin made so clear, has lost a true hero, a patriot. This Senate has lost a great leader whose accomplishments have been literally historic. I think all of us have lost a friend.

Last evening, Senator Akaka spoke about how DAN INOUE's legacy—I am paraphrasing—was all around Hawaii and all he had done for the State. The truth is I think most every State in the country is full of legacies of the service of DAN INOUE. I know it is true of Connecticut.

It was truly my honor to serve for 24 years with DAN INOUE. He was exactly the opposite of all the caricature pictures people have of Congress today and particularly about the rabid partisanship and personal incivility. DAN was a great gentleman and the most civil of people, the kindest and most decent of people. As Senator Reid said, he was a proud Democrat, a faithful Democrat, but not at all partisan. The relationship he had with the late Ted Stevens on the Appropriations Committee was historic and actually inspirational. They were so different ostensibly in their background and in their temperament, particularly. Ted Stevens, bless his memory, was my neighbor and my dear friend. Let's say he had a—how do I describe it? He was a very emotional person. DANNY INOUE was more calm. But they formed this remarkable friendship based on shared history, going back to World War II, and probably some sense of shared destiny in the sense they were both from the two last States to join the Union, not part of the continental United States, and came as the first Senators and were here so long. But truly what united them was an enormous dedication to America and patriotism.

I said DAN INOUE's legacy is in Connecticut and probably most every other State. I could go around the State, and I am thinking of the years and years that DANNY was the chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. There wasn't anything we were able to do for Connecticut in that time that he didn't support, including protecting Long Island Sound, the Connecticut River, improving our transportation systems, making grants to our schools, colleges, and universities, and support of the defense industries in Connecticut which have meant so much to the defense of our country but also to the economy of our State.

I salute his memory. All of us should honor it, and all of us should try in our own way to emulate this great man.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. ... I want to join my colleagues who have expressed their admiration for Senator INOUE and our

sense of loss at his passing. I admired him deeply as a patriot, a war fighter, a public servant, who was unstinting and unwavering in his commitment to our Constitution, the principles of equality and justice, and our national defense.

His loss is a loss for the country, but, particularly, personally, for all of us who serve in this body. I knew him less well than colleagues who have spoken eloquently, such as Senators Reid and Durbin and Boxer and Lieberman, and one of my regrets, as I stand here, is that I did not have the time to know him better because he was such an extraordinary human being.

Perhaps one of the lessons for me personally is that time is short, as we all know, and we should make a greater effort in this body and among us in this profession to know our colleagues and to treasure their friendship. . . .

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today is the first day since Hawaii became a State that it is not represented by DAN INOUE, either as a House Member or as a Senator.

As I look at my dear friend's desk with the traditional white flowers, I can't tell you how much it pains me. He was one of the greatest Members of this body ever to have served and a dear friend to so many of us. He was perhaps the best role model for public service any American could ask for. Senator INOUE's story is one of great passion for his people, commitment to his calling of public service, and dedication to finding a better way forward for all Americans, a true patriot.

A soldier in World War II, a veteran of the Armed Forces, he fought for the freedom of the Nation he so loved and believed in. The Nation finally recognized that, making him a recipient of our Congressional Medal of Honor.

As a representative of Hawaii, he dedicated his career to establishing and solidifying a place for his State in Washington so generations of Hawaiians to come might know the benefits of what he did not have, Federal support for important causes such as higher education, transportation, health care, and security. His advocacy was never in vain, and the people of Hawaii benefited immensely from his service.

I think his efforts to bring people together is unmatched. The grace with which he conducted his work should inspire all of us, as it does me. He was the man who could reach out to both sides of the aisle, make friends and make peace. He poured his heart and soul into the Senate. He was first and foremost a person of the Senate, and we all felt his passion and concern for the work of this body. There is no doubt he

is going to be greatly missed in these Halls. He was a mentor. He was a friend. We traveled together. Our wives were friends.

The reason I didn't speak last night, I opened my desk and looked again—the desk I have now, this seat, I inherited from DAN INOUE—and his name is inscribed in it. As the distinguished Acting President pro tempore knows, we inscribe our names in our desks, and DAN INOUE's is there. When I looked at that last night I was overcome with emotion and so I did not speak then.

I realize I am delaying things a couple of minutes here, but when I think of my friend and I think of his name, I remember he said he wanted to be remembered as having represented his people and all Americans honestly and to the best of his ability. He filled that. We all know he gave his everything to the Senate, and his legacy is for us to continue the work he has done.

Marcelle and I give our condolences to his wife Irene, his son Ken, his daughter-in-law Jessica, and his adored granddaughter, Maggie. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish to express my sadness over the passing of Senator DAN INOUE.

DAN INOUE came to this Government, started his government service, at least 60 years ago in the Territorial Legislature of Hawaii. He came to Congress when Hawaii became a State in 1959, to the Senate in 1963, and was second only, I guess, in service to Robert Byrd. He was a serious man, a solid man, a patriot, and one who always had a good spirit about how he conducted his affairs and how he related to other Members of the Senate, to his constituents, and to the American people.

DAN had served in the most violent combat and was grievously wounded himself. He was part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a 4,000-man unit that served in brutal combat. They were replaced 3½ times in personnel to maintain their strength, with 14,000 having served in that combat team during the brutal combat in Italy. There were 9,500 who received Purple Hearts and 21 Medal of Honors, including Senator INOUE's Medal of Honor.

It was a remarkable time and a remarkable commitment DAN INOUE demonstrated to the country he loved.

I know we will talk about his record, and I may do that later myself, but I want to say what I think about DAN INOUE at his core. He shared with us a few weeks ago at the Prayer Breakfast—and we don't quote what people say

at that meeting—his feelings about war and his participation in it. It was one of the most moving presentations I think any of us had heard, and it was so well received by the people there. The truth is, Senator INOUE did not like war. He hated war. He knew the destructive power of war and how people suffered as a result of it, and he voted against a number of resolutions that would commit the United States to military action.

But at the same time, there was no doubt, based on his ranking and chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Appropriations Committee over a period of years—decades—he was the person who always, at bottom, could be counted on to ensure this Nation was well defended; that we did not make mistakes.

He and Senator Ted Stevens had a unique relationship. When something developed that was important for the Defense Department, and it involved a danger to our Government or could do damage to the Department or they seriously needed something—and oftentimes in this Government, we can't respond and we don't respond effectively—DAN INOUE and Ted Stevens would go in and it would be fixed. They understood that peace through strength was the best way to avoid war, and they felt a sense of great responsibility to ensure the Defense Department was not damaged on their watch. Their experience and their judgment was such they could tell the difference between whines and complaints and real danger to America's defense capability.

I would say that DAN INOUE has established a record that places him among the finest Senators ever to serve here, one of the finest human beings to serve here, and I want to say, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, how much I appreciated his particular commitment to ensuring that America's defense capability remains second to none and his willingness to take the steps necessary to maintain our defense at the level we would want it to be.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair, and I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to pay tribute to a person I loved, appreciated, and worked with for all these years—all of my 36 years in the Senate—and to bid a fond farewell to our dearly departed friend, the senior Senator from Hawaii, DAN INOUE.

In addition to being a distinguished U.S. Senator, Senator INOUE was many things: a Pearl Harbor survivor, a Medal of Honor recipient, a father, a grandfather, and a loving husband to his wife Irene.

As a volunteer with the Red Cross, young DANIEL INOUE tended to the wounded in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During World War II, when the Federal Government was placing thousands of his fellow Japanese Americans in internment camps, Senator INOUE was one of many Asian Americans who petitioned the Government for the right to serve their country in the military. His petition was successful, and he served heroically. In fact, the story of Senator INOUE's military service has become the stuff of legend here in the Senate and throughout the country.

In 2000, Senator INOUE, along with 21 of his fellow Japanese American World War II veterans, was awarded the Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest honor for valor.

In 1959, when Hawaii achieved statehood, he was elected the State's first full Member of the House of Representatives. Three years later, in 1962, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he would serve for five decades, the second longest tenure in this Chamber's history. I am honored to have served with Senator INOUE throughout my entire Senate service.

While he and I often found ourselves on different sides when it came to issues, I always knew him to be a man of principle and decency, and I never doubted his commitment to the people of his State and to doing what he believed was right.

One of the few times we found ourselves on the same side came when our mutual friend, the late Senator Ted Stevens, asked us both for help when his character was called into question. Politically speaking, participating in Senator Stevens' trial held no benefit for Senator INOUE. It would have been easy for Senator INOUE to deny his friend's request, and few would have blamed him for it. But that wasn't how Senator INOUE operated. Rather than letting a friend fend for himself, Senator INOUE showed great loyalty and characteristic integrity in his willingness to testify to his friend's good character, and put his own reputation on the line in service of a friend. I had a similar privilege.

Both Senator INOUE and I were mystified by what happened in that trial, and we were justified in our mystification when, finally, they had to admit it was a trial that should never have been brought. All I can say is I remember him testifying and I testified after he did, and I would mention that Colin Powell also testified as to Ted Stevens' character.

All three of us felt this was a besmirchment of a truly honorable and decent man.

Once again, I am proud to have been Senator INOUE's colleague, but I am more proud and more pleased to have been his friend over all these years. He actually showed me a great deal of concern, showed me a great deal of friendship, and spent time with me when I needed particular help, and was there in many ways for not just me but for others as well, one of the kindest, most decent, and honorable people I have ever met. I express my deepest sympathies to his wife and family and their many friends.

DANIEL INOUE left an indelible mark on the Nation he loved so much and he will surely be missed. *Aloha*, my friend.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I too rise to pay tribute to the great Senator DANIEL INOUE.

First, I want to express my deep and most heartfelt condolences to Senator INOUE's family, his wife Irene, his daughter Jennifer, his son Ken, Ken's wife Jessica, and their lovely little daughter Maggie. I also send our condolences to the people of Hawaii, because he loved them dearly, and they reciprocated by sending him time and time again back to the Senate. I also want to express condolences to his very able and capable staff, the other Inoue family, many of whom were among the longest serving staff in the Senate, who were devoted to helping him help the people of Hawaii and helping the people of America. Hawaii and the Nation have lost a great hero and a true patriot, and I have lost a good friend.

Senator INOUE was one of the great men of the Senate who welcomed me and helped me get started when I first came to the Senate. It is well known that I was the first Democratic woman elected in her own right. When I came to the Senate there was only one other woman, Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas. But I said this, and I say today, though I was the only Democratic woman, though I was all by myself: I was never alone because I had great men in the U.S. Senate who helped me get started and mentored me and taught me how to be an effective Senator.

Senator INOUE was in a group of those men who in the warmest, most generous, most helpful way welcomed me to the U.S. Senate. He helped me get on the powerful Appropriations Committee. He was my teacher. He was my mentor.

He also had a wonderful way of communicating with all of us. And as each new class of Senators—and each new class of women Senators arrived—he welcomed each and every one of us with the same warmth and generosity he showed to me.

We have a saying among us, the women of the Senate, which is that men of quality always stand up for us women fighting for equality. And DAN INOUE was there every step of the way. When we wanted equal pay for equal work, he was there. When we wanted to be included in the protocols at NIH and establish an Office of Women's Health, he was there, issue after issue.

Last year, I had the wonderful honor of traveling to the Middle East with Senator INOUE, and he admired the pin that I have on today. It is an eagle that many of the women in the Senate wear. There are those of various styles, of which we have a little collection. This one is from the Smithsonian. He said, "I love it. It is so pretty. I want to get one for my wife."

Well, I don't know if Senator INOUE ever got it for his wife Irene, but I say to my colleagues today, at an appropriate time, on behalf of the women of the U.S. Senate, I will present this pin to Mrs. Inouye in honor of her husband, our gift to her, because he gave so many gifts to us.

He was a lion in the Senate, a real American hero. Although gentle in style, he was a fierce warrior when it came to fighting for his Nation or standing up for Hawaii.

When he received his Medal of Honor, he was rising to the call of the sirens of Pearl Harbor, volunteering to serve his country, putting aside his own dreams to be a physician. But he went on to be a healer of many wounds. He was decorated in World War II for saving his fellow soldiers.

My experience with Senator INOUE as a friend was that he was a devoted, dedicated public servant. He was Hawaii's first representative of the Nation's newest State. He was the first person of Japanese heritage ever to be elected to the Senate. Imagine, he himself knew what it was like to break barriers and to break boundaries. When he came to the Senate, he cherished his love for Hawaii and its people. He fought tirelessly to improve their lives.

His style was one of absolute civility. He was the one who believed that the decorum of the Senate enabled the Senate to do the people's business. He was the essence of civility, and he showed that often good manners was good politics. He did not argue the loudest; instead, he worked diligently.

He marshaled his arguments and with quiet determination won the day.

As a fellow appropriator, I saw that he liked earmarks. And what did he do with those earmarks? I can tell you. He made sure that we looked out for Indian tribes. He made sure we looked out for the poorest of the poor in Hawaii. He cleaned up a superfund site that had been left by an old agricultural legacy. And he made sure that children who needed help were able to get the education they needed in a small community setting where they might not have been able to do it.

Yes, he was the old school. And it was the old school that should teach us a lesson or two.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee for 41 years, he led us by example. He came in 1971 and became the chairman in 2009. Leading by example, he showed how we can accomplish great things by working together. He saw we could have a stronger country, a stronger economy, and yet have a sense of frugality. He treated the minority party with great respect.

All have spoken about his legendary friendship with Senator Ted Stevens, another World War II hero. But now, as Senator Cochran, serving as the ranking member—he called him his vice chairman—and I know he was ready to reach out to Senator Shelby who assumed the role. He knew we needed the input of all Senators to not only enact our bills but to craft our bills.

He also served as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, the Indian Affairs Committee; he was the very first chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

There will be those who will read his resume. But when the history of Hawaii and this man is written, I hope they say he didn't come here to gain fame, he didn't come here to do press releases or to be on talk shows. He came here to govern. He came here to the U.S. Senate, having fought for his country in World War II while even members of his own family had been held in an internment camp because of their Japanese heritage. He was loyal and faithful from the day he took his oath to defend the Constitution as a young private all the way to the day here now. He was a fierce defender of our military. For him, it was always about the troops. And he never forgot what it was like to be fighting in a foreign land. That is why he was devoted to our veterans and to our health care. And we are devoted to the memory of Senator INOUE.

So to an old-school war hero, let us give our final salute and a fond *aloha*. Let's take the lessons learned from his great life and incorporate them in our very day here today.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, Senator INOUE told me a story which I wish to repeat for our colleagues.

In 1973, George Gallup, the pollster, asked to come see him. This was at the height of the Watergate hearings. Back then, these investigations into President Nixon's Watergate break-in were consuming the country. Then there were only three major television networks, plus the Public Broadcasting System, and the Watergate hearings were televised from the Senate every single day, for several hours a day, on all four of those networks. So, almost everyone in the country watched the Watergate hearings for weeks. They got to know Sam Ervin, the chairman. They got to know Howard Baker, the ranking Republican. But George Gallup came to see Senator INOUE. And Senator INOUE said, "I am glad to see you, but why do you come to see me?"

He said, "Senator, who would you say is the most recognized person in the United States today?" Senator INOUE said, "Well, I am sure President Nixon is." And Gallup said, "That is right. But the second most recognized person is Senator DAN INOUE."

Senator INOUE said, "Well, how could that be?" George Gallup said, "Well, Senator, I suspect so many Americans have never seen a U.S. Senator of Japanese ancestry with one arm and a distinguished voice and presence, and you have made an indelible impression on the American people."

That was 1973. That was a long time ago. Since then, DAN INOUE made an indelible impression on a great many people around the world, and especially on the 100 of us who serve here. He commanded our respect in a remarkable way, in part because of his service in the war.

He and Bob Dole, our former colleague, were wounded at about the same time in Europe and were in the same hospital recovering from tremendously serious wounds. Of course, Senator INOUE was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his contribution to the war.

Senator Pryor told the story that when Senator INOUE was finally elected to Congress, he wrote Senator Dole a note and said, "I am here, where are you?" Because both of them, when they were recovering from their war wounds, had de-

terminated that one day they wanted to serve in the U.S. Congress. DAN INOUE got here first.

A few years ago, Senator INOUE and Senator Ted Stevens invited a number of us to go with them to China. It was quite an experience. Senator Stevens—of course, another World War II veteran—had flown the first cargo plane into what was then Peking, in 1944. Of course, Senator INOUE was well regarded in China for his service. So the group of Senators—there must have been a dozen of us of both parties—got more time with Mr. Hu and Mr. Wu, the No. 1 and 2 leaders of China, than the President of the United States nearly did. We were accorded every courtesy possible because of the presence of Senator INOUE and Senator Stevens. They were like brothers. They called one another brothers. They acted that way in private. They served that way in the Senate, as chairman and vice chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Over a number of decades, they singlehandedly shaped our American defense posture, and they did it with skill and patriotism and knowledge of our structure that very few could have.

Several Senators mentioned how bipartisan DAN INOUE was. He was of the old school—not a bad school for today, in my point of view. He treated each Senator with courtesy, even the newer Senators. He treated each Senator with a sense of equality, even those who were in the minority and not on his side of the aisle. He was always fair, he was always courteous, and he always tried to do the right thing. He was a textbook U.S. Senator.

He announced for reelection after his last election. I don't know his exact age at the time—maybe 85, 86. He will not be able to run for that reelection now that he is gone, but he will be well remembered.

Not long ago, he spoke at our Wednesday morning Prayer Breakfast that we have here. Usually we have 20 or 30 Senators. On the day he spoke, we had maybe 60 or 70. We had Senators sitting on the windowsills, standing around the back, just to hear what he had to say. I won't repeat what he had to say because we don't talk about what goes on there in public except to say he talked about his war experiences—and in a quiet way. He stood there for 10 or 15 minutes and explained those experiences to us, most of whom had never had that sort of experience. It gave us a new sense of him, and it increased our respect for him, if that could have been possible.

I join with my colleagues to say Senator DAN INOUE was a patriot. He set the standard, really, for a U.S. Senator. He set the standard for a man or woman in our military fighting to defend his or her country. And he set the standard as an individual who showed courtesy to everyone he met. We will miss him. We honor him. And we give his family our expressions of grief, but, more important, our great respect for our colleague who today is gone.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask consent to speak until my comments are completed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a mentor of mine in the Senate, Senator DANIEL INOUE. The histories of my State and Senator INOUE's are closely connected. We both entered the Union at the same time, in 1959. As a matter of fact, I know as a kid growing up I was not sure if we had two Senators or three Senators because Senator INOUE's name was so well known throughout Alaska.

When our States were entered in 1959, there was opposition to both of us becoming States, but we have proven our opponents wrong. Thanks to DANIEL INOUE, Hawaii has become a modern, prosperous State. Many Alaskans have a special fondness for the 50th State, especially, I have to say, at this time of the year when it is 40 degrees below in Fairbanks.

DANIEL INOUE began his public career and service at the age of 17 when he entered the Army after the attacks on Pearl Harbor. He served with incredible distinction, earning the Nation's highest medal for action in Italy. As a Member of the Senate, DANIEL INOUE continued his fierce defense of his State and his partnership with Alaska.

My predecessor, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens, knew Senator INOUE as his brother. They worked together and produced much good for both our States that will last for generations.

When I was elected to this office, Senator INOUE was one of the first Members to reach out to me to ask how he could help. The unique thing about Senator INOUE was always his quiet approach to all the issues. He provided me quiet advice

and helped me learn how this place works. Many times I would be down in the well waiting for the vote to be tallied and Members to vote, and Senator INOUE would come in, stand at the edge there, and look up and just say, "How is it going, Alaska?" We would have a brief conversation. Usually his words would have incredible insight. They may not even have been relevant to the topic we were voting on, but he would say something to me about something he knew I was working on and just share a few words.

I know the first people of Alaska will especially remember him for his dedication to their success. He met with Alaskan Native peoples during their visits to Washington as often—and I would say even more often—as the Alaskan Members of the House and Senate. They made a point to stop by his office on a regular occasion to talk to him about what happened in the past and what was going on today and what they looked for in the future.

Earlier this year, Senator INOUE was in Alaska at my invitation—his last trip to Alaska. He told a memorable story about his support of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, which was controversial when he supported it and its construction. Senator INOUE has a unique style of how to tell stories. You have to just pay attention and listen. They are not wordy, just to the point. Senator INOUE told this story, told by opponents of the pipeline, that it would destroy the caribou that lived in Alaska's North Slope. This is what he was told over and over.

On his last trip, he was in front of a group of people. I was anxious as he started to talk. He said, "I have this story to tell you." He talked about this time of controversy about the Alaska North Slope and the oil pipeline, the caribou and what was happening, the destruction that may occur based on what he was hearing. But he was a strong supporter of the pipeline. In his words, here is how he actually said it. In fact, he said, "the warm oil going through the pipeline heats the ground, so grass grows year round. The caribou come around to eat the grass and," in his words, "'make love,' and the caribou population has grown threefold." Who was I to let facts spoil that wonderful story by Senator INOUE and get in the way of its telling?

He has done enormous work for our Alaskan people and Alaska in total, the work he did that he described to me when he went out to rural Alaska many years ago and saw the deplorable conditions of our water and sewer, saw an important effort to preserve not only the languages of Alaska

but also Hawaii. Yes, like Hawaii, Alaskans loved our earmarks and we still love them. He was an adamant proponent of earmarks, making sure that, as mentioned by Senator Mikulski, they went for the right reasons. As was also mentioned, it was an incredible sight to watch him in action—his defense of this country and his personal heroic actions, his ongoing everyday work he did to shape the national defense and really international defense.

I will always remember DANIEL INOUE for his truly hearty laugh, ready smile, his partnership with my State of Alaska, and his dedication to his State—truly a silent giant.

My condolences go to his wife Irene and the entire Inouye family. We will miss him greatly. When we come down to the Chamber every day, we get the calendar of business, this one dated today. You look on the list of all the committees, and you see the chairman and the members. But today his name is not there after 41 years.

My heart goes out to him—truly the silent giant.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor to pay tribute to an American hero, a great Senator, an amazing man, and a dear friend, Senator DANNY INOUE.

Senator INOUE dedicated his life to public service, and through his hard and faithful work, he has left his Nation and the State that he loved so dearly far better in so many ways.

We will all hear a lot in the days ahead about the barriers DANNY broke down during the course of his life. We will hear about his service in times of war and in peace, about his heroism, about his love for his family and State and country. We will hear about the admiration and respect he earned from so many of us here in the Senate, on both sides of the aisle, over the course of a long and very historic career.

What I want to focus on for a minute today is the DANNY INOUE who has been there for me as friend and mentor for the past 20 years, who has been a shining light in this Chamber and has set an example for all of us who measure our work not simply in words but in actions.

Senator INOUE was certainly not the loudest Member of this Chamber. He was certainly not the most verbose. He was not a Senator who spent his time making long-winded speeches. But through his quiet resolve, his understated

strength, and his commitment to do the right thing no matter what, he was able to accomplish so much.

Senator INOUE led the Appropriations Committee through difficult times with grace and incredible effectiveness. The partisan rancor that too often dominates this city was unacceptable to him, and he made that clear to all of us. DANNY's focus was on people, on the infrastructure on which they depended in their communities, on the most vulnerable, on our military families, and on the State of Hawaii, for if DANNY INOUE was a giant here in the Senate, he was a mountain back home. Hawaii would not be Hawaii without DANNY INOUE. He fought for his State. He would not allow it to be ignored, and he made it a better place to live and work for generations to come.

As the Senator of another State far from Washington, DC, I learned a lot from Senator INOUE about how to advocate for the people who elect you and how to make sure they never get lost in the mix. Through his quiet and shining example, we all learned a bit more about bipartisanship.

I so remember DANNY huddling here on the floor, working closely with his good friend Senator Stevens from Alaska. We all learned a bit more about effectiveness. He knew how to get things done, more than anyone I have seen before or since. We all learned a bit more about humanity.

You would never hear DANNY talk about himself. We all learned a bit more about respect, about kindness toward all, not just those who agree with you.

DANNY helped us all remember every single day why he came here in the first place. I cannot tell you how many times DANNY would stand his ground on issues that others would have given up on, simply because he knew the impact it would have on real people. He knew this was about so much more than politics or legislative games; it was about helping people and solving their problems and delivering for our communities and our Nation.

DANNY INOUE impressed me every day for 20 years, but nothing impressed me more than his love and commitment to his family. I just got off the phone a few minutes ago with his wife Irene and expressed my condolences. She is such a gracious lady.

DANNY will be missed terribly, but he has left so much for us to remember him by: his legislative achievements, of course, the roads that would not have been built had he not been here, the military bases that wouldn't have existed had he not fought so hard for them, the ports and bridges and

trains that would have been less safe had he not been there to move legislation that strengthened them—so much more. But DANNY will be remembered far beyond his many tangible achievements. He will live on through the values he embodied and spread; through the principles he stood for and shared; through his family, who loved him dearly; through the people who will never forget his advocacy; through the country he sacrificed so much for; and of course through all of us who are forever better simply for having served with the greatest Senator of all, Senator DAN INOUE.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Georgia, the United States of America, and the 99 Members of the Senate, I want to pause to pay tribute to the family of DAN INOUE. When a great football coach passes away and players are interviewed and asked what kind of coach he was, they will say he was a player's coach. When great generals are lost and the people who go to the funeral ask what kind of general he was, they say he was a soldier's general.

I am here to pay tribute to a Senator's Senator. He was a great role model for me. He came here when Hawaii first became a State, and he was here ever since. He influenced the lives of not a few but of many.

I got an email from Mike Mattingly, a U.S. Senator who was elected in 1980. He said, "Please remember when you are on the floor of the U.S. Senate to express the love and affection my wife Leslie and I have for a great American, DAN INOUE."

I share that same affection. I know I owe a lot of whatever success I have had in the Senate to learning from his patience, guidance, temperament, and also his determination. Yesterday, I was told his last word was *aloha*, but we have to remember that was always the first word we heard from DAN INOUE as well because he meant it in a welcoming, friendly way.

I want to follow up on what Senator Alexander said earlier. I too was at the Prayer Breakfast when DAN INOUE was there. It was the largest crowd we ever had, and it was not because invitations went out but because DAN INOUE was going to be there. Everybody there was mesmerized by his candor, by his life, and by his commitment. We don't discuss what goes on inside those rooms, and I will not here, except to say that when DAN INOUE opened his heart, it

was as big and rich a heart as the one we have all seen in the Senate.

To his loved ones, the State of Hawaii, and the people of America, we have lost a great man. We have all been better off for knowing him, loving him, and serving with him. I pay tribute to the life and times of a great American hero, DAN INOUE.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, let me associate myself with the remarks of Senator Isakson. I thank him and all of my colleagues who have come to the floor to eulogize Senator DANNY INOUE. The Senate and our Nation has lost an unsung hero. He was heroic in military valor, receiving the Nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor. He was heroic as the one chosen to lead with dignity in inquiries seeking the truth during our most challenging times. He was a tireless guardian of our national security and champion to the men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the United States and whose legislative achievements have been simply remarkable. All this from a man who always gave others credit and never sought the spotlight.

Yesterday Senator John McCain from Arizona—a hero in his own right—reflected on the passing of Senator INOUE. “Today, the Senate, America, and especially his beloved citizens of Hawaii, lost a unique, brave, and wonderful legislator, a man who brought the most unique credentials to this institution—I would argue—of probably anyone who has ever served in this very diverse body.”

Senator McCain certainly hit the nail on the head.

He went on to say, “In Hawaii, there was a group of young Japanese Americans who decided they wanted to serve their country . . . in uniform. One of the most well-known, famous, and most highly decorated units of World War II was the battalion in which DAN INOUE served.”

DAN INOUE was a proud member of his battalion. In fierce combat, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield and was brought home. He, as we all know, lost his arm as a result of one of the wounds he sustained.

Senator McCain went on to point out that he went to the veterans hospital in Michigan where a person in the same ward was an American Army second lieutenant who had also been wounded seriously in combat in Italy, 2LT Bob Dole of Kansas. Bob Dole is a man who still represents the very best

we have in Kansas, our country, and he did such a great job as leader of this body. Their friendship has lasted to this day.

Both men were gravely wounded, both were certainly dedicated to serve their country, and both served with distinction. The bonds of friendship that were forged in that hospital between Bob and DAN were unique and also enduring.

Yesterday, Senator Danny Akaka also pointed out that his colleague from his native State was a true patriot and American hero in every sense and at this time in Hawaii, the greatest leader.

Then Danny Akaka said that it is an incredible understatement to call him an institution. This Chamber will never be the same without him. He also said DANNY INOUE leaves behind a list of accomplishments unlikely to ever be paralleled. His lifelong dedication and hard work in the name of his beloved country, the United States of America, influenced every part of his life and set him apart—even in the Senate.

Today will be the first day since Hawaii became a State in 1959 that DANNY INOUE will not be representing us in the Congress. Every child born in Hawaii will learn of DANNY INOUE, a man who changed the islands forever.

Senator Akaka then went on to say he was praying for his wife Irene, his son Ken, his daughter-in-law Jessica, his stepdaughter Jennifer, and granddaughter Maggie, who was the apple of his eye.

Like so many, with DANNY's untimely passing, I have lost a very dear friend. In truth, as an institution, every Senator in the Senate lost a dear friend. We lost one of the last institutional flames of the Senate.

Upon reflection, the occasions I have had the privilege to be with DANNY also represented my personal career highlights. There were codels with Senator Ted Stevens, affectionately called Uncle Ted. DANNY always had T-shirts that said "I survived Codel Stevens." He took us to Antarctica, North Korea, the Russian Far East and Wild East, and any number of places of national interest that nobody else would go. As the song says, "through the bushes and brambles where a rabbit wouldn't go."

DANNY was the personification of those who get things done the effective way. He stayed in the background until it was time to take charge and then gave others the credit. I will always remember his sonorous, basso profundo voice advising the North Koreans at one point during a trip to make

P'anmunjom and the 38th parallel a tourist site—not a shooting gallery.

In the Russian Far East we traveled to Sakhalin Island, with mountains and raw materials that rivaled Alaska and where locals say there are still saber-toothed tigers north of the island. DANNY, while visiting with staff, went into detail about his many travels, with a little fact and fiction mixed in, all with a twinkle in his eye.

I also remember while in the city of Khabarovsk in the Russian Far East—we were at a hotel. Of all the hotels in the Russian Far East, this one had to be one of the last on the list.

As we went into our rooms, I discovered that my bed was a wooden frame with just straps—no mattress, one blanket, and no pillow. I thought, being a junior member of this codel, this was something they assigned to me. So I went down the hall with my special key in hand and my special ID that was required in that part of the world and knocked on DANNY's door. He said, "How can I be of service to you, dear friend?"

I said that I wanted to look at his accommodations, thinking, of course, he would have a bed. There was a wooden bed with the same kind of accommodations—no mattress, straps, and just one blanket. He said, "Why are you interested in that bed?"

I said, "Well, I thought being a junior Member that things might be better in your quarters."

He got a big kick out of that. He always reminded me of that at various times when I would get a little upset about anything.

At any rate, it is not an understatement with regard to his leadership, bipartisanship, integrity, and achievement. It would serve every Member of this Senate to ask: What would DANNY INOUE want us to do?

In today's *Washington Post* there was a reference to the keynote speech that Senator INOUE gave in Chicago. It was a period of unrest after the assassinations of Senator Robert Kennedy and Rev. Martin Luther King—troubling times, indeed. Speaking not as a Democrat but as a citizen disturbed by unprecedented violence, Senator INOUE described a "troubling loss of faith among Americans."

He went on to say, "I do not mean a loss of religious faith, I mean a loss of faith in our country, its purposes, and its institutions. I mean a retreat from the responsibilities of citizenship."

DANNY called for Americans to rebuild their trust in government—an extraordinary statement from a man whose people had suffered grave injustices at the hands of government.

The article went on to say that Senator INOUE's remarks were immediately overshadowed by events at that convention, but his speech was truly remarkable. It was a speech that drew little attention then and is even less remembered now.

My colleagues, DANNY's speech should be required reading today given the recent tragedies. It was just last week that I was asked to speak on Senator INOUE's behalf at an event concerning the proposed Eisenhower Memorial. It is a joint bipartisan effort that has taken far too long to bring to fruition. In the Cloakroom the day before we had one of our many discussions where he grabbed my hand and looked me in the eye and said, "You and I probably vote differently 80 percent of the time, but in all of our mutual efforts and all of our travels, I have considered you a brother."

I didn't know what to do. I responded with a tear in my eye, and I said, "I love you, DANNY INOUE."

And he said, "I love you too."

What a wonderful thing to hear from a true American hero in every respect. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with such a remarkable and truly humble man.

I also want to thank his wonderful staff in working with my staff on so many mutual projects.

Aloha, my dear friend. I will miss you every day.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, there are few times in the history of this institution when one Senator, a singularly iconic leader, comes along and reminds us of what it means to be a U.S. Senator and what it means to represent the very best of what this Nation stands for and to do it, as he always did, with the utmost dignity, honor, pride, and integrity.

I am deeply saddened to have to speak to the passing of a true American hero. He was someone who inspired so

many of us in the Senate. His ideals and sense of justice were always on display.

The passing of Senator INOUE leaves a painful void in the leadership of this body. In so many ways, the life and sacrifice of Senator INOUE embodies the essence of the Greatest Generation.

Even when faced with the suffering, indignity, and humiliation of an internment camp, he did not allow his heart to be turned or his love and commitment to his country to be diminished. Justice was a constant theme in his life. He represented the challenges faced by his Hawaiian people since statehood, when he became its first representative in the U.S. Congress.

We had a close bond when it came to our concern for minorities in our country. Because of the struggles in his life, he understood the struggles in both of our communities. He felt a kinship to the Hispanic community and shared the community's hopes and aspirations. In recent conversations, I know from his comments that he understood the growing importance of the Hispanic community and the benefit of advancing their interests within American society. He lived it, he understood it, he knew.

We worked together on the recognition of Filipino veterans—something he was very passionate about—and he thanked me most graciously, as always, for my interest and for my commitment to working with him on an issue so dear to his heart.

These are just a few stories of a man who led a quintessentially American life. I know there are thousands more stories to be told, some of which have already been told on the Senate floor, but the real story is that this was a man who sacrificed for his country, met the challenges it presented, but ultimately, because of a kind heart and loyalty to the ideals we profess as Americans, became one of the most important, yet most humble, leaders in the U.S. Senate.

Senator INOUE and his life and deeds remind us what it means to be an American hero, a war hero who carried the burden of his service with him all of his life. His courage, his patriotism, and his respect for the values he fought for informed his views and his votes in this Chamber.

The Senate is sadly diminished today with the passing of one of our most respected and iconic leaders—a hero, a powerful voice for reason, rationality, and common sense, when reason, rationality, and common sense, are too often in short

supply. He will be missed not only by all of us who had the privilege to serve with him but by a Nation that needs more leaders like him.

We, all of us, remember his lasting influence, his way of making us look into the heart of the matter without prejudice or preconceived political impressions. He knew how to get to the crux of an issue, and he led the way so many times for the rest of us. We followed his lead, and the Nation is better for it.

All of us who worked with him as chairman of the Appropriations Committee respected his word and his commitment to fairness. He was always willing to listen, always willing to hear your side, always willing to reach out across the aisle for what he believed was right.

Most recently, he was the voice of support and wisdom in our efforts to secure disaster relief for my home State of New Jersey. He empathized with the needs of New Jerseyans, just as he addressed the needs of Hawaiians for decades. There is no more gracious man than DAN INOUE, no one who was as dignified and respectful than the senior Senator from Hawaii.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and his family and to the people of Hawaii today. We have lost an incredibly great man.

Mahalo, my friend, until we meet again.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise this sad day to comment on the passing of a great patriot, Senator DANIEL INOUE. He fought for his country as part of the Greatest Generation and served his State with distinction for more than 50 years.

We were all honored to know him and blessed by his sacrifice in defense of American freedom. We served together on the Armed Services Committee and later on the Appropriations Committee as well. DANNY's insight was invaluable to our Nation's defense and military policy. He did make America stronger.

I had the pleasure of working with him when we traveled together to Bosnia to visit our troops in the very early stages of that conflict. We later went to the Middle East on a codel with Senator Stevens as well. One of the pictures in my office is of Senator Stevens, Senator INOUE, Senator Snowe, and myself in our helmets and flak jackets the first time we flew into Sarajevo in the early 1990s, when the Serbs had still been shooting from the hills into the airport.

In 1995, on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, Senator INOUE and a number of other World War II veterans gathered at the Smithsonian to reminisce about their time in battle.

Senator INOUE recalled the morning of December 7 at Pearl Harbor, when he recognized that the men in the Japanese planes looked like him, and he said he knew then his life would never be the same.

As soon as the Army permitted Japanese Americans to volunteer, he signed up and ventured to the mainland of the United States for the first time in his life. He and his fellow Hawaiians of Japanese descent worried about how they would be treated in the United States but, as he recalled it, they encountered kindness and respect at every stop their train made.

By the time he finished his training and prepared to depart for Europe, he said he had learned this was truly a country worth dying for and certainly one worth sacrificing an arm in order to preserve our freedom and our way of life. He did lose his arm, and it was during this time that he also distinguished himself to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award in our country for valor.

There is often talk of partisan acrimony in Washington, but we know strong friendships can form across party lines. Senator INOUE and Senator Ted Stevens had such a friendship. They were both war heroes from the last two States to join the Union, and they both recognized and guarded the congressional prerogatives under our Constitution to play the primary role in determining appropriations to fund the Government.

When they were the two senior Senators on the Appropriations Committee and on the Commerce Committee, they considered themselves as cochairs and officially designated each other as that. When control of the Senate changed hands, it was not unusual for one to retain key members of the other's staff.

So today, I add mine to the many voices mourning his passing and say to his family: You are in our thoughts and prayers.

DANNY INOUE was someone in our Senate whom I think we should all strive to be; that is, he was a warrior, but he was a gentleman. He was a man who was loyal to the core for not only his beliefs but also his friends, and if he gave his word, his word was good. He is someone whom every one

of us who knew him cared for and regarded as a giant among us. In fact, I would say the Senate has lost a gentle giant.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I join with Senator Hutchison in paying tribute to Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

I rise to pay tribute to our dear colleague. Senator INOUE was not one of the tallest Senators; in fact, he had a slight build and a quiet demeanor. But he was a giant. He will be missed by all in the Senate. The people of his beloved Hawaii will miss him. All Americans will miss him.

In the immediate aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Senator INOUE was declared an enemy alien because of his Japanese ancestry. But in 1943, when the U.S. Army dropped its enlistment ban on Japanese Americans, he enlisted in the Army and volunteered to be part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The 442nd became the most highly decorated infantry regiment in the history of the U.S. Army. The 442nd, known by its motto, "Go for Broke," was awarded 8 Presidential Unit Citations and 21 of its members, including Senator INOUE, were awarded the Medal of Honor for their heroism during World War II.

Following World War II, Senator INOUE finished his undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii and then earned a law degree from George Washington University. In 1953, he was elected to the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives and was immediately elected majority leader. He served two terms there and was elected to the Hawaii Territorial Senate in 1957. Midway through his first term in the Territorial Senate, Hawaii achieved statehood. He won a seat in the House of Representatives as Hawaii's first full Member and took office on August 21, 1959, the same date Hawaii became a State, and he was reelected in 1960.

Then, in 1962, he was elected to the Senate and was reelected eight times, only once with less than 69 percent of the vote. Senator INOUE had been in the Congress since Hawaii became a State. He was the second longest serving Senator in our Nation's history, and he served with distinction, just as he served with distinction in the U.S. Army.

Others on this floor have already detailed his bravery in battle, his service on the Watergate and Iran-Contra Committees and his accomplishments as the first chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and as chairman of

the Commerce and Appropriations Committees. I would like to highlight his work on behalf of the victims of racial and economic and social inequality and his commitment to making the Senate operate as the Founding Fathers envisioned.

A statement on Senator INOUE's Web site says: "DAN INOUE was always among the first to speak out against injustice whether interned Japanese Americans, Filipino World War II veterans, Native Americans and Native Hawaiians." How true.

A few hundred yards from this Chamber is the Smithsonian's magnificent National Museum of the American Indian. Senator INOUE introduced the legislation to create that museum and fought for Native American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander recognition and rights and restitution as chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

In the Senate, Senator INOUE treated all his colleagues with respect and courtesy and always reached across the aisle to forge bipartisan solutions to our Nation's biggest challenges. His friendship with former Republican leader Bob Dole, whom he met while the two of them were recuperating from grievous combat injuries—along with, I might say, another wounded veteran who became a giant in the Senate, Senator Philip Hart of Michigan—serves as an example we should strive to emulate. He was a member of the so-called Gang of 14, again reaching across the aisle at a time when partisan tempers were particularly high.

There are few—if any—Americans who have been more heroic in battle, more accomplished as a public servant, more dedicated to family and country and humanity than DANIEL K. INOUE. Yet he was also one of the most humble and self-effacing people. What a tremendous example of a life well lived he has left for all of us as we mourn his death, celebrate his life, and give thanks for his service to the people of Hawaii, the Senate, and the United States of America.

To Senator INOUE we say *aloha*.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the Senate—both as a legislative body and as a family—is in mourning today after the passing of its most senior and revered Member, Senator DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii.

In his final days, Senator INOUE was asked how he wanted to be remembered. He replied, with characteristic modesty: "I represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did okay."

With similar understatement, speaking about the extraordinary act of heroism in combat for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, he explained that it was “a case of temporary insanity.”

Modesty and reserve were trademark qualities of our beloved DANNY INOUE. But we can speak more forthrightly about this very extraordinary person.

Yes, Senator INOUE represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to best of his ability. But he did not do just “okay.” DANIEL INOUE was a truly great American, a public servant of extraordinary accomplishment. His qualities of character and conscience and steadfastness have set the standard in the Senate for over five decades.

Think about this. In 1973 and 1974, as a Senate select committee investigated the crimes of Watergate, which Senator did we count on to take charge with tough but fair questioning of those involved?

In 1976, after revelations of abuse of power by the CIA and the FBI, which Senator did we count on to oversee reforms as first chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence? Of course, we counted on Senator INOUE.

In 1987, as the Iran-Contra scandal rocked the Reagan administration, which Senator did we count on to lead a tough but fair inquiry as chairman of the select committee appointed to investigate the affair? Of course, we counted on Senator INOUE.

Time and again, over seven decades, the United States of America has counted on DANIEL INOUE, and he always delivered. He always responded to the call of duty with courage, selflessness, and excellence.

As we all know, during the Second World War, DAN served in the famed, all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. After losing his right arm and sustaining other grave injuries in combat, he spent 2 years in Army hospitals. At one of those hospitals he met two other wounded veterans: a soldier from Kansas named Bob Dole and a Michigan boy named Philip Hart. All three would go on to become giants of Senate history.

It is difficult to imagine, but after returning from the war, LT DANIEL INOUE was wearing an empty right sleeve pinned to his Army uniform and was denied service at a San Francisco barber shop. The barber dismissed him with the words, “We don’t serve Japs here.” One of DANIEL INOUE’s great legacies in his successful fight to defeat that brand of racism and discrimination was his successful fight against

any form of discrimination against anyone, especially people with disabilities. Throughout his political career, he fought for civil rights and social justice not only for Japanese Americans but for all Americans.

Mr. President, I have lost not only a friend of nearly four decades but also my chairman on the Committee on Appropriations and its Subcommittee on Defense. Senator INOUE was well known as a stalwart advocate for national defense and for veterans. He also fought very passionately to advance education, the National Institutes of Health, and other programs in the jurisdiction of my Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.

I will never forget what Senator INOUE said one time in a meeting in which my bill on labor, health and human services, education, NIH, the Centers for Disease Control—all of the things that are in that bill came forward. Remember, Senator INOUE was at that time the chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, and he said something I will never forget.

He said, “I chair the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. That is the subcommittee that defends America.”

He said, “Senator Harkin chairs the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. That is the subcommittee that defines America.”

So Senator INOUE was not a one-dimensional person. He was not just someone who fought for our veterans and fought for the strong defense of our country. I also remember him saying one time—repeating the famous words of President Truman—that the strength of America comes not just from the number of tanks, guns, and warplanes we have but from the health, welfare, and education of our people.

In tributes on the floor yesterday and today, colleagues are remembering DAN INOUE as one of the greatest Senators of our time, and indeed he was. But knowing DAN and the values he held dear, he would want no greater tribute than to be remembered as a loyal friend, a man of honor, decency, and humility. Senator INOUE was that and much more.

Senator INOUE was the finest of men. For half a century, the Senate has been graced by his dignified and noble presence. It will not be the same without him. We will miss our friend DANIEL INOUE very much.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise, as so many of my colleagues have, to mourn and pay tribute to Senator DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii.

He was a giant of the Senate. He was an individual whose courage, whose compassion, and whose commitment to this country has never been exceeded by anyone who served here—indeed, by any American I can think of.

A few years ago, I was asked to introduce the Senator at an event. I wrote down some points on a card that I kept on my desk, and will forever keep on my desk: “Second Lieutenant DANIEL K. INOUE, E Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, San Terenzo, Italy, April 21, 1945.”

That was the day he was wounded leading his platoon against an enemy pillbox, the day for which he would be ultimately awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions.

Then I have another date: May 8, 1945. That was VE Day, the end of the war. Seventeen days before the end of the war, when Berlin was encircled and collapsing, when American forces were rushing and the end was clear, and indeed every soldier recognized that the war was coming to an end, Senator INOUE didn’t stop serving, didn’t stop sacrificing, didn’t stop giving his all to protect his soldiers and accomplish his mission. Indeed, that spirit of never giving up, of never failing to do his duty, animated his service in the Senate, animated his service to this country, and his service to the State of Hawaii.

At the time I gave these remarks, he was 1 of 90 living holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Today we mourn his passing, his contributions to Hawaii, his contributions to this Senate which he held in the highest esteem and which he personified so grandly.

I think one of the factors that led him to a career in public service and led him to such distinguished service was the recognition—not theoretically but practically—that despite his great suffering and sacrifice, he was lucky because there were many other young men and women who perished in that war and in subsequent wars; that he had sacrificed much but had not given his life, although he very nearly gave his life.

At the outset of the war, the Librarian of Congress, Archibald MacLeish, wrote:

They say, We were young. We have died. Remember us.

They say, We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.

They say, We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.

They say, Our deaths are not ours: they are yours: they will mean what you make them.

They say, Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say: it is you who must say this.

In everything DAN INOUE did, he spoke for those soldiers. He gave their lives meaning by his selfless service and sacrifice to this Nation. He gave it every day by making this place—this country—live up to its highest ideals, a place of opportunity for all, a place of fairness and decency. He did it as few did.

So those voices that were stilled in 1945, and in the Korean war and in the war in Vietnam and subsequent wars, always had a voice here; and it wasn't just words, it was actions. His life gave meaning, and that might be one of the highest achievements anyone can reach in this life.

We all know his extraordinary service in so many different ways. We know also, in one of the great coincidences, three young men were in an Army hospital in Michigan: DAN INOUE, Phil Hart, and Bob Dole, American heroes; and that later they would come to this Senate and serve with distinction. I think it was particularly meaningful that just a few days ago Senator Robert Dole—another great American—was on the floor of this Senate, still serving, still emblematic of the Greatest Generation.

We will miss Senator INOUE. There are few words and not enough eloquence to describe the loss. I, too, particularly want to thank and extend my condolences to his wife Irene, to his son Ken, to his daughter-in-law Jessica, to his granddaughter Maggie, and to his stepdaughter Jennifer Hirano. They have lost more than any of us because they have lost a husband, a father, and a grandfather.

Let me just conclude with the words uttered centuries ago by Thucydides:

The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it.

DAN INOUE knew the dangers. DAN INOUE knew that the glory was fleeting, and in fact combat wasn't particularly glorious at all. But he knew it was honorable to serve. He knew it was honorable to sacrifice for his soldiers and for his comrades. He knew it was honorable and decent to serve his State and his Nation, and he never failed to go forth to meet the challenges of his time.

Now it is our time. Now we must give words and meaning to the voices that have been stilled in the service to this Nation. One of those giants and one of those powerful voices was Senator DANIEL INOUE. The test will be whether we can measure up to what he did, and I hope for the sake of this country we can.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I rise for a few moments to share a few thoughts about our friend and colleague who passed away yesterday, Senator DAN INOUE. It was a shock to me here on the floor yesterday when his passing was announced and it is still a shock today to see that it is indeed real—the beautiful bowl of white roses on his desk.

I want to share a remembrance or two. When I was 19 I was struggling with what direction to take in life and thought public policy might be something worth pursuing. I asked my father. My father read the newspaper every day and watched the evening news and would run a commentary on the world. I asked him, if I were to try to get a summer internship in Washington, DC, to see how government really works, who should I apply to. Of course he noted I should apply to my home State Senators, Senator Packwood and Senator Hatfield. I asked him if there were any national Senators who stood out. He said there are four I think you should try to talk to: Senator Kennedy, Senator Humphrey, Senator Church, and Senator INOUE.

I proceeded to write letters to see if I could get an internship with any of my home State Senators or any of those four. I did not succeed outside my State. I did get an internship with Senator Hatfield, which changed the course of my life. But when I was elected to the Senate, Senator Hatfield asked me to bring greetings to his old colleagues, those who served with him, particularly Senator INOUE, because Senator Hatfield had chaired Appropriations and Senator INOUE was chairing Appropriations. That was a tremendous introduction because it led to one of my first conversations with Senator DAN INOUE when I came to the Senate. He showed me his spectacular view down The Mall, looking toward the Washington Monument, and said anytime you want to come and use the balcony you should come and use it. It is one of the best places in Washington.

We shared the joy he took in just the beauty of that space. We shared stories about the old days, the days when Senator Hatfield and Senator INOUE worked together on appropriations. We also had a chance to talk about some of the challenges that have occurred in the committee. In recent times,

we discussed how much harder it is to get appropriations bills to the floor and have them considered in a bipartisan nature.

I indicated to Senator INOUE at that time how interested I was in serving on the Appropriations Committee and how important it would be to Oregon. This began a series of dialogs over the last 4 years. It was a tremendous honor to have a chance to share these last 4 years with Senator DAN INOUE. I think all who have spoken about him have recognized he did an extraordinary job of commanding folks.

He took on the difficult tasks in World War II and received the highest recognition for doing so. He did so in a context that was extraordinary. Japanese Americans had been relegated to a second-tier status during the war, and he chose a path that led to first-tier recognition for the leadership and bravery he exemplified.

He did no less of a spectacular job in the U.S. Senate, just days away from completing 50 years of being on the floor of the Senate, advocating for working people, advocating for his home State, and working for a vision of America where all families can prosper. His life was extraordinarily well lived.

It has been an honor to know him, and we will miss him. This Senate will not be the same without Senator DAN INOUE.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I wish to speak about our friend DANNY INOUE. It has been a week of emotion. When we look at that black-draped desk with the white flowers, it is hard to believe that such a big part of this institution is gone, not just a living, breathing part of the institution is gone but a part of its history, its memory, its institutions, and its values. DAN epitomized all that.

He was a gentleman first. Actually, we would have to say he was a patriot first. All we need do to see how much of a patriot he was is consider the fact that he had one arm missing because, as an Army lieutenant, he singlehandedly charged a German machine gun nest. He took them out, lost his arm, and ended up in the hospital for 20 months. Of course, we all know he was deservedly recognized with the Medal of Honor years later.

He was a patriot, not only because he served as a young lieutenant but also by being a public servant for well over a half century. He was elected as the first Territorial Legislator of Hawaii in 1954 and then elected as its first Congressman when it became a State in 1959. Since 1962, he has been a public servant serving his State.

He was the first Japanese American Senator. His name is synonymous with Hawaii, and so it is fitting, as told by his staff, that his last word was "*aloha*." Patriot first but second he was a gentleman. That is a value which all of us in the Congress ought to remember.

This all emanates from some of the greatest moral teachings on planet Earth. It is what those of us refer to in the New Testament as the Golden Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated. To say it in Old English, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. That is a moral principle which runs throughout every major faith on the face of the planet.

DANNY INOUE exemplified that uniquely American value, and somewhere along the way we seem to have gone astray. We go astray from what we have learned in Newtown, CT, and we go astray when we see how some of us treat each other in this Chamber. The old adage is not just to go along but to get along. We would get along a lot better if we get along or to say it in the context of old country boy wisdom: "We can attract a lot more flies with honey than we can with vinegar." That is the life our colleague led.

Some people call it a throwback to the gentlemanly days of the Senate, when there was courtliness and deference. I hope it is not a throwback. I hope we are not throwing back anything.

I hope we will remember the life of DANNY INOUE. He felt so strongly about this that when he was the chairman of a committee, he didn't refer to the ranking Republican as the ranking member, he called the ranking member the vice chairman. Of course, that was uniquely Senator INOUE, but it was also practical because he could get more done if he was sitting there as chairman and his vice chairman was sitting right next to him.

We have a lot to learn from these emotional times of losing a valued friend and colleague, but his life exemplified the best part of the Senate. We can sure get a lot more done if we start coming together just like DANNY INOUE taught us.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, the U.S. Senate has been conducting its business here in Washington for just over 200 years, and for more than a fifth of that time, Senator DAN INOUE of Hawaii stood in its ranks. It was just one of the many astonishing feats for a man who so rarely called attention to himself but who had every reason in the world to do so. In a life of honors he was never drawn to fanfare, and that always made him a different kind of Senator.

So today we mourn not only a friend and a colleague but also everything he represented to a nation that will always need courageous and principled men such as DAN INOUE if it is to flourish and succeed.

The people who worked with DAN INOUE might have known he served in World War II, but they could have gone years without knowing he was one of the most decorated soldiers of his time. To DAN, his achievements were simply part of the job—and they were many. They start with his military heroism, of course, and they continue throughout his long career of public service. He was the iconic political figure of the 50th State.

Until his death, he was the only original member of a congressional delegation still serving in Congress, and there is scarcely an acre of Hawaii or a person in the State that DAN hasn't affected or influenced.

Over many years of diligent committee work, he helped ensure an entire generation of uniformed military went into battle well prepared and that they were well cared for when they returned. Yet despite all this, DAN's quiet demeanor and strict adherence to an older code of honor and professionalism made him a stranger to controversy throughout his many decades in public office. He was the kind of man and the kind of public servant, in other words, that America has always been grateful to have, especially in her darkest hours—men who lead by example and expect nothing in return.

One of my favorite DAN INOUE stories took place right here in the Capitol back in 1959. The memory of a hard-fought war against the Japanese was fresh in many minds as the Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, prepared to administer the oath to a young war hero who was not only the first Member from Hawaii but the first American of Japanese descent ever elected to Congress.

"Raise your right hand and repeat after me . . .," Rayburn said.

Here is how another Congressman would later record what followed:

The hush deepened as the young Congressman raised not his right hand but his left and repeated the oath of office. There was no right hand. It had been lost in combat by that young American soldier in World War II. And who can deny that at that moment, a ton of prejudice slipped quietly to the floor of the House of Representatives.

It is a perfect image of how DAN led by example throughout his long career—with quiet dignity and unquestioned integrity.

It started early for DAN. As a young boy growing up in Hawaii, he and his friends always thought of themselves as Americans. Yet after Pearl Harbor they suddenly found themselves lumped in with the enemy. It was one of the reasons so many of them felt such an intense desire to serve. Their loyalty and patriotism had been questioned, and they were determined to prove their allegiance beyond any doubt.

When the Army lifted its ban on Japanese Americans, DAN and his friends jumped at the chance to serve. An astonishing 80 percent of military-age men of Japanese descent who lived in Hawaii volunteered—80 percent. Mr. President, 2,686 of them were accepted, including DAN, who was an 18-year-old student at the University of Hawaii.

Together, they formed what would become the most decorated military unit in American history, the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. As platoon leader, DAN spent 3 bloody months in the Rome Arno campaign and 2 brutal weeks rescuing a Texas battalion that was surrounded by German forces, an operation military historians often describe as one of the most significant battles of the 20th century.

After the rescue, DAN was sent back to Italy, where on April 21, 1945, in a ridge near San Terenzo, he displayed the extraordinary bravery for which he would later receive the Medal of Honor. DAN then spent nearly 2 years in a Michigan Army hospital where he also met Bob Dole and Philip Hart.

DAN had always wanted to be a surgeon, but that dream faded away on that ridge in Italy. Instead, he became a very fine Senator and one of the most impressive and effective public servants of our time.

DAN never let narrow party interests stand in the way of friendship or cooperation on matters of real national importance. His friendship with former Republican Senator Ted Stevens was one of the most storied in all of Senate history. I know I never hesitated to call on DAN when I thought something truly important was at stake. As DAN always said: "To have friends, you've got to be a friend."

It is a good principle. It is one he always lived up to. And it is one that is needed now more than ever.

Elaine and I extend to Irene and the entire Inouye family our deepest sympathy on their loss, which is also the Na-

tion's loss. It was a privilege to have worked alongside this good man and to call him a friend. We will miss him. Yet we are consoled by the thought that he has now finally heard those words he longed to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into your Master's joy."

I yield the floor.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I would like to speak, as many of my colleagues have, about Senator INOUE.

When I was a new Senator, the first encounter I had with Senator INOUE was when he invited me to go with him to the University of Hawaii to debate some issue—and I don't remember exactly what the issue was. Obviously, I didn't know what I was getting into because he had been in the Senate by then a quarter of a century, I believe, and I was new. But I was glad to be invited and felt honored to be invited. So I suppose every Senator here is going to be able to have a lot of memories of Senator INOUE.

I come to the floor to pay tribute, as we ought to, to our friend. I have heard the tributes paid to Senator INOUE by his fellow Senators, and that has gone on over the past several hours since his passing. It is a strong testament to the character of Senator INOUE that his loss as a friend and colleague is so deeply felt. Senator INOUE impressed many of us with his quiet determination, his dedication to right over wrong, and his sheer decency.

He was a gentle force in the Senate, with emphasis upon "force," but that adjective "gentle" is very legitimate. He had a strong work ethic and was very productive on behalf of the entire United States. Also, of course, as all of us do, we have to look out for the people in our States, so he looked out for his beloved State of Hawaii as well.

Because he was restrained in his demeanor, when he spoke he commanded real attention. He was well respected in the Senate for his lifelong statesmanship and for his early displays of courage and sacrifice for our country.

Barely out of his teens, Senator INOUE confronted more tests of his bravery than the vast majority of us will face in a lifetime. He passed those tests with flying colors, and his representation of American interests in the heavy combat theaters of World War II was something he had to pursue. For him, it was not a perfunctory act. Even though he was an eyewitness to the Japanese warplanes flying overhead in their assault on Hawaii, he could not enlist in the U.S. military at the time because he was Japanese American. He and

others petitioned our Government, and when they were allowed to enlist, he certainly did.

He and his fellow Americans of Japanese descent went on to serve with tremendous skill and heroism. I encourage everyone to read about Senator INOUE's wartime experience, the medals he won and the bravery he established to win the Medal of Honor.

He teaches all of us about answering the call to duty with determination and without hesitation, just as he did. His example of selflessness and his elevation of common cause over individual interest are especially relevant in these trying times.

In Congress, if we all sacrifice more and worry about self-preservation less, we can accomplish a lot for the country Senator INOUE fought to save and to serve his people afterward in the Senate. I am glad to have served with and learned from Senator INOUE.

Mr. KERRY. ... Madam President, I think all of us are aware that too often in public life words like "good friend" or "remarkable colleague" are used so often they lose a little bit of their impact. But I think we all share powerfully—ever since the majority leader announced the sad news last evening, and we have seen so many come to the floor to talk about Senator INOUE—in the knowledge that Senator DANNY INOUE really was all those things and so much more.

He was a quiet man, a humble man, a soft-spoken public servant, but those of us who were privileged to serve for so long with DAN INOUE know we truly got to know him. I had the privilege of sitting beside him and listening to some of the stories talking about things that were happening in the Senate, and we truly did get to love him and revere him.

It was more than his uniquely American journey—from the trenches of World War II to the Halls of Congress—more than his leadership and moral authority on everything from civil rights to the Watergate and Iran-Contra hearings. It was more than the DAN INOUE we could read about on paper. It was the man himself, in the flesh, who was bigger than the legend. That is why the Senate is going to feel his loss for a long time.

We often hear the words "Greatest Generation." Before Tom Brokaw coined the phrase, we knew what it referred to, particularly in the Senate where some of us were privileged to serve with people such as Bob Dole, John Glenn, Fritz Hollings, and so many others.

DANNY was a bridge to that generation—a generation that I revered growing up in the shadows of World War II. I remember talking with my dad and hearing how he had volunteered for the Army Air Corps as war loomed over Europe. He was a pilot flying DC-3s, paratroopers, preparing to go over for the invasion, and he shared with me his regret that he came down with tuberculosis and he was released from active duty and, in his perception, never got his chance to defend his country.

I think about just how much more complicated the prospect of going to war must have been for a young DANNY INOUE—just 17 years old with dreams of becoming a surgeon, dreams interrupted by Pearl Harbor. Here he was, the son of immigrants who came to work in Hawaii's pineapple fields, his entire life he had thought of himself as a patriotic American. Then, suddenly, at a time when across the country young men were heeding the call to duty, DAN INOUE's own Nation declared him and his family alien enemies. DAN INOUE's response was not to pull inward or to leave or forsake his country. His response was to sign up and fight for the country he loved so deeply, even at a time when his Government's vision was clouded by the horror of Pearl Harbor.

Fight for his country he did. He put on the uniform and showed us what both he and our country are all about. We know DAN was a hero. We know he lost his arm on the battlefield in Italy. But I never once heard DAN talk about the details of that action that would ultimately result in him being awarded the Medal of Honor. He was a quiet man who never bragged and rarely spoke of himself. But the citation speaks volumes about him and who he became on that bleak April day when 2LT INOUE and his platoon mounted a defense of a ridge guarding a critical road junction in San Terenzo, Italy. The citation says, very simply:

With complete disregard for his personal safety, Second Lieutenant INOUE crawled up the treacherous slope to within five yards of the nearest machine gun and hurled two grenades, destroying the emplacement. Before the enemy could retaliate, he stood up and neutralized a second machine gun nest. Although wounded by a sniper's bullet, he continued to engage other hostile positions at close range until an exploding grenade shattered his right arm. Despite the intense pain, he refused evacuation and continued to direct his platoon until enemy resistance was broken and his men were again deployed in defensive positions.

That was DAN INOUE. He was a hero whose entire life's lesson was a victory over discrimination and anger. Despite the sting of bigotry at home—he lost his arm for his country

and almost his life—rather than being consumed by rancor, he became a voice for reconciliation.

Because of what he had experienced growing up as a Japanese American in what was still a heavily segregated country, DAN always fought to make sure that no Americans ever felt unsafe or unwelcomed. “This is our country,” he famously said in his keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968.

I still remember that speech. I was riveted watching it on television. I was in the Navy, serving then. I was training before departing for Vietnam. It was strange, the juxtaposition of DAN INOUE’s words and the hope and what he represented to the carnage in the streets, watching what seemed to be a country coming apart at the seams. But there was this young Senator, this decorated World War II veteran who spoke words that were as chilling as they were prescient. He said:

The true dimension of the challenge facing us is a loss of faith. I do not mean simply a loss of religious faith . . . I mean a loss of faith in our country, in its purposes and its institutions. I mean a retreat from the responsibilities of citizenship.

He went on to say famously:

This is our country. Its future is what we, its citizens, will make it. . . . Putting aside hatred on the one hand and timidity on the other, let us grow fresh faith in our purpose and new vigor in our citizenship.

Those words would serve us well as we think about the challenges we face right now in the Senate. That is the kind of citizenship and patriotism that DAN INOUE stood for, not just in 1968 but every day we were tested.

After 9/11, DANNY was as determined as anyone to bring to justice the terrorists who attacked us on that fateful day. The media said it was our Pearl Harbor. DAN INOUE remembered better than anybody the first Pearl Harbor. He was there. He lived through it. But he also had deep convictions about the historic lessons learned the hard way after the first Pearl Harbor—mistakes he refused to see repeated 60 years later. In the aftermath of September 11, DAN INOUE sounded a warning. He said:

I hope that the mistakes and suffering imposed upon Japanese Americans nearly 60 years ago will not be repeated again against Arab Americans whose loyalties are now being called into question.

It was a forceful defense. I think it was heard across the Nation. DAN understood our values aren’t just talk. They are about the choices we make, the causes we champion, and the people we fight for. As DAN reminded us in Chicago in 1968,

this is our country, and its future is what we, its citizens, make of it.

He was an incredible person. During his long painful recovery at Percy Jones Army Hospital in Michigan, DAN was down to 93 pounds and exhausted. He knew he would never be a surgeon as he once dreamed. He struggled then even to light a cigarette and he wanted to curse at his nurse. Unbowed, she taught him how to light a cigarette with one hand and said simply: "From now on, you're going to be learning." DAN INOUE did learn. Happily, we can say he also taught. He taught all of us with the power of his example.

During his convalescence at Percy Jones Army Hospital, he met another young lieutenant, a man by the name of Bob Dole. They became fast friends and nursed themselves back to health.

About 2 short weeks ago, two Greatest Generation brothers, ailing and approaching their 90th birthdays, DAN INOUE and Bob Dole were still here teaching us, teaching us what is worth fighting for. I will never forget seeing DANNY with his oxygen tube walking up to Bob Dole before casting his vote in the hopes of helping disabled veterans when they travel overseas. Here were these two older citizens telling the Senate, through actions and not words, that we have to be better than this place has sometimes been in recent days.

Bob Dole said something about DANNY that has deeper meaning now that he has left us. Bob said, over there in that corner near the door, looking at DANNY:

He was wounded a week from the day I was and a mile from the place I was wounded, and we ended up in the same hospital. He's a Democrat and I'm a Republican, but parties didn't make any difference.

Those are bonds we ought to learn something from. Those are bonds we ought to do a better job of honoring today in this institution DAN INOUE loved so deeply.

DAN INOUE was a special kind of public servant. He walked his own path. He got out of that hospital bed, returned to college under the GI bill, and went on to George Washington University for his law degree. He got himself elected to the Hawaii Territorial Legislature at the ripe old age of 30 and then on to the House of Representatives as Hawaii's first full Member after it won statehood in 1959. Just 3 years later, DANNY INOUE was a Senator, and eventually he would rise to become the highest ranking public official of Asian descent in U.S. history.

I will never forget the critical role he played on the special committees that investigated Watergate in the 1970s and Iran-Contra in the 1980s. I was here during Iran-Contra, a freshman who approached those investigations with a certain zeal. I was in a hurry to find out the truth. But I learned from DAN INOUE that a good Senator can navigate the path to truth while taking extraordinary care to protect and nurture the national interests. So when DAN famously warned at the Iran-Contra hearings that there exists a “shadowy government” that can “pursue its own ideas of the national interests, free from all checks and balances and free from the law itself,” we all understood the gravity and truth behind those words because we respected the integrity of the statesman who spoke them.

DAN had a special sense of his own responsibilities as the first Member of Congress from Hawaii. He believed in the Federal Government’s ability to make a difference in people’s lives. He was chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, as we all know. For all the talk in the media about earmarks and porkbarrel spending, we saw in DAN how one Senator could actually advance the interests of their State and articulate a vision for that State which didn’t violate anybody’s sensibilities about how we ought to be spending a Federal tax dollar. He used his position unapologetically to bring home investments in Hawaii to build roads and bridges and classrooms, all of which changed people’s lives on an island that most of us only thought of in the context of a vacation destination. To DAN, it wasn’t a resort. It was home. It was people. As the son of a Japanese immigrant who came to work in those pineapple fields, DAN needed to make no apologies about using the Federal Government to make life better for the people he represented.

It was a perspective that endeared him to his colleagues on both sides of the aisle—and no one more so than Republican Senator Ted Stevens. They became like brothers. Theirs was a friendship that stood the test of time. I often heard the stories from DAN or from Ted—whom I got to know well—about how they would travel to various parts of the world to see how America was investing its funds and how their friendship simply grew during the course of those journeys together. Theirs was a friendship that stood the test of time. This place would be a lot better off if we could forge bonds the way DAN and Ted did since the 1960s. They didn’t capitulate. They didn’t lose their values. They compromised, and they always put what was best—in the case of DAN, Ha-

waii, and in the case of Ted, Alaska, and in both their cases, the country—ahead of any kind of partisan squabbling.

DANNY INOUE lived a full and remarkable life, and we will miss him dearly. He was proud of his Japanese heritage, proud of his roots, and proud of his service as a champion of veterans and veterans' rights. He loved our troops. It is fitting that a building at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research now bears his name.

I often marveled at how hard he fought to regain his health in the face of mounting odds.

He died with no regrets. "*Aloha*" was his last word.

Hawaii misses DANIEL INOUE, America misses him, and our thoughts are with his wife Irene and his son Daniel Ken, Jr., who is a great friend of my stepson Johnny Heinz, and also the rest of his family at this difficult time.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Casey). The Republican leader.

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the great Senator DANIEL INOUE. Senator INOUE was a fine colleague and a good personal friend of mine.

While Congress occasionally drifts without direction, Senator INOUE was a steady rudder in the Senate. He was the consistent source of quiet, but purposeful and effective leadership.

In an age where the loud crowd often demands center stage, Senator INOUE was a reminder that the truth is generally seen, rarely heard. He was a man who communicated concisely and precisely just exactly what he intended. Through his actions, Senator INOUE demonstrated time and time again that he would lead legislative efforts, pool necessary support, and do what needed to be done to best represent Hawaii and advance all Americans.

While he chaired the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Commerce Committee, I worked with Senator INOUE most during his time as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. I can attest that during most of our hearings, his very presence drove much of our activity. Through thick and thin, he reliably led many an effort.

Senator INOUE's addition to the bipartisan group that later became known as the Gang of 14 helped others start to view us as a body with legitimacy and true purpose. DANIEL INOUE carried the Senate's respect and attention toward us, for which I remain incredibly grateful.

Years back, I was fortunate to travel with Senator INOUE to Italy as part of a congressional delegation trip. It was during our time together there that I had one of the strongest emotional responses of my life. In Tuscany near the location where Senator INOUE was wounded, he visited the gravesites of many of those who served alongside him. Seeing Senator INOUE mourn and pay tribute to those who had fallen beside him in battle taught me something I could never learn from a book or a classroom. Without saying a word, Senator INOUE gave me a heightened respect for the shared purpose and camaraderie among those who serve in America's Armed Forces.

Yet while Senator INOUE had the utmost appreciation for what happened in the past, he did not allow it to stop him from thoroughly enjoying the present. It was on that same trip that the Senator also taught me an appreciation for a solidly-built, handsome pair of shoes. He advised me on the purchase of a pair of oxfords that are as comfortable today as the day I bought them.

Senator INOUE was a source of personal, policy, and even fashion advice for me, and I cherish the time I spent with him.

America is stronger today because of DANIEL INOUE. He will be sorely missed by all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the Senate and our Nation have lost one of our finest leaders, DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii. He was an outstanding Senator, a true statesman, a patriot, and a gentleman.

It has been an honor and pleasure to be able to work closely in the Senate with DAN INOUE as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. His service as chairman of the committee—and especially the Subcommittee on Defense—has been marked with consistently strong and thoughtful leadership. He was appreciated for his courtesies to other Members and his seriousness of purpose as he carried out his important responsibilities.

He has also earned the high praise he received from the men and women of the Armed Forces, who are the best equipped and trained military force in the world thanks to his diligent efforts on their behalf.

Senator INOUE was friendly and kind to all, but he was also a man of resolute courage and strength. He was very successful as an advocate for his State of Hawaii and our

Nation. All Americans should be grateful for his service in the Senate.

I yield the floor.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today, as so many colleagues have done throughout the day, to pay tribute to a tremendous colleague whom we lost yesterday, a friend to all of us, someone from whom we have all learned a tremendous amount, on both sides of the aisle, about how to work together, DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii. He was an outstanding Senator, a cherished colleague, and a dear friend.

We all know he dedicated his life to serving our country, first as a soldier in World War II where he put his life on the line for our freedoms, for our country, and then as a Member of Congress for 52 years. Senator INOUE was Hawaii's first Congressman. Think about that, the first Congressman. Today marks the first day in the history of our country that the State of Hawaii has not been represented in Congress by DANNY INOUE.

He also had a special connection to my home State of Michigan, and Senator Levin and I have both been very proud of that fact. He was a patient at a hospital in Battle Creek during World War II where he met Philip Hart and Bob Dole. Can you imagine those three great men coming together serving our country, wounded, doing rehabilitation at a hospital together in Michigan and all going on to be involved in public service as Senators?

That building is still standing. It is no longer a hospital; it is another Federal building. It is our great honor in Michigan to have that building named the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center, honoring all three of these outstanding leaders.

Senator INOUE was a great mentor for me as well as so many of us in the Senate. Coming to the Senate, he always encouraged me during the elections. He always told me to hang in there, that things would go well and it would be great. He was always a person with a smile on his face, encouraging each and every one of us. He was there encouraging me when we were fighting for our economic lives in Michigan with the automobile industry, saying it was going to be okay, that we would be able to get through it, and that things would be better on the other side. He was right, with the help of so many people here and the President.

He also has consistently said to me, "I want to help your city of Detroit. I want to make sure I do everything I can to support that great city." He has been a wonderful friend and supporter on that front as well.

He also received a distinguished honor given by the Arab American community in Michigan after he helped us establish the first National Arab American Museum. After 9/11 when there were stories of young Arab American children and girls who were being harassed or attacked while wearing their traditional garb in school, he called up leaders in Michigan to tell them they had his support as a Japanese American, knowing what he had gone through in a very difficult time in our country's history. He showed incredible support to a great part of our Michigan community.

He is beloved by so many around Michigan, but no more than those who are in the Arab American community who are business leaders, community leaders, who found themselves, just because of their heritage, in very difficult circumstances. He has shown great support to them and was a great role model to them. I was proud to be a part of honoring him a few years ago in Michigan with the highest award coming from that community.

He touched lives everywhere he went. He served with quiet dignity. He had a strong, firm conscience. He has set an example for each one of us. He was a true patriot and a true American hero in every sense of the word. The Senate and the American people will miss him greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with his family this evening.

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to offer ... my condolences to the family of DANIEL K. INOUE, the Senator from Hawaii. ...

Earlier today, I had the opportunity to sit in the Presiding Officer's chair, and I heard many Members of this body speak of Senator INOUE. Some spoke of him as a distinguished voice, a Senator's Senator, a great hero, a true patriot, a singularly iconic leader, an incredibly great man, a giant of the Senate, a mountain of Hawaii, and the list goes on.

They say the hardest thing to get in life is a friend, and the easiest thing to lose in life is a friend. DANNY INOUE was a friend.

I will never forget when one of my neighbors came out to visit me. DAN's office is right next door to mine in the Hart Building. Now, make no mistake about it, before I came to this body I knew of DAN INOUE's past as a war hero, as a part of the Watergate investigative committee. He truly was somebody I knew before I got here through the media.

Well, so did my neighbor. After I had been here for a while I started to take DAN for granted. He was just one of us. So

my neighbor was here, and we were standing in the ante-room of my office and DAN INOUE came walking out of his office. My neighbor's eyes almost rolled out of his head and fell on the floor. He wanted to meet DAN. Why? Because he was a great American and he knew it. He knew this was an opportunity he shouldn't pass up.

I stopped into DAN INOUE's office today and passed along my condolences to the staff and had the opportunity to walk back into DAN's office. One of the things that was pointed out to me was a sugar contract that set right above his chair, right in front of him. It was what he looked at every day when he sat at that desk—a sugar contract his parents had. Why? So he didn't forget where he came from. And all the time DAN INOUE served in this body he was probably as grounded as anybody ever could be because he never forgot where he came from.

When I first got here, I was trying to get on the Appropriations Committee. I went to visit Senator INOUE, and he said he would help, and he did.

DAN INOUE was going to Cody, WY, and he flew into Billings, MT, and drove down to Cody for a veterans event. In doing so, he drove through forests that were brown and dead, and he came back and asked me, "What is going on with the forests in Montana?"

I said, "DAN, I have a bill called a forest jobs and recreation act that will help remedy that problem." DAN's response was: "Sign me up as a cosponsor." He was always there to help.

I remember one time in the Cloakroom he was telling a war story about after he had gotten his arm blown off. They were laying on stretchers—this was in the 1940s, and medicine has come a long way since then, remember. But they were laying on stretchers, and there were many folks there, many with limbs missing, and he said there was a man of the cloth giving last rights. They came to DAN and DAN said, "No, I am not going anywhere." And he stayed with us, thank goodness, and came to the Congress and then to the Senate. What a man. What an incredible man he was.

He always sat at our table at the caucus lunch, and when he came in he referred to me as "Big One," and then proceeded to lecture me as to why I needed to lose weight if I was going to stick around here for a while. I always appreciated that.

Another time we were in his office visiting about some legislation, and out of the blue he asked me how many men I

had on staff. I was going down the list counting them when he said, "You know how many I got?"

I said, "No."

He said, "I got two because women are better."

That was DAN INOUE. He also had a connection to probably every State in the Union, and Montana was no exception. He always spoke of Mike Mansfield with great passion.

When I was in his office earlier today I noticed on the wall he had a picture of Ted Stevens, LBJ, Warren Rudman, and, of course, Mike Mansfield. On that picture, Mike Mansfield, then-majority leader, had written to my friend Senator DAN INOUE: "With admiration, respect, and affection."

I can't say it any better.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I understand we are in a period of morning business. I wish to offer a few reflections and reminiscence about our dearly departed Senator DAN INOUE.

Yesterday afternoon I came into the Chamber expecting to vote on a matter or two. I was stunned and devastated to hear the news, as were the rest of my colleagues, that we had lost Senator INOUE. When I think of what a Senator is and should be, I think of DAN INOUE.

When I came to the Senate, 10 years ago now, I would say that there were three undisputed giants in this hall. There may have been more, but there were three undisputed giants I think everybody recognized as giants in the Senate. One would be Ted Stevens, one would be Ted Kennedy, and the other would be DAN INOUE. There is something about those three men, those three Senators, that put them in a class by themselves.

Some of it is the force of their personalities, some of it is their legislative accomplishments, some of it is just their ability to get it done; when the chips are down to have the integrity, to understand the vital role that the Senate plays in our Federal system. I think DAN INOUE had all of those traits and he also had character. Character is something that is hard to describe, it is hard to quantify, hard to define sometimes, but there is no doubt Senator INOUE had character.

Yesterday morning I got off the plane. Like many of us I raced into the office. I noticed I had a big bundle of papers waiting for me to look at. I did not have a chance to look at those, I just grabbed those and plopped them on my desk

and I thought I would go deal with those later, and later turned out to be the next morning, which is this morning.

I have been thinking about losing our friend DAN INOUE over the last 12 or 14 hours or so, and I was sitting in my office starting to go through this stack of papers and there at the bottom of the stack I saw a Christmas card that had come from Senator INOUE and his wife. I thought this Christmas card summed up one of the traits that made Senator INOUE so special. It is from DAN and Irene—certainly we offer our prayers and our support for Irene right now—but the photo was taken at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, “a performing arts facility, providing music, dance and theatrical performances as well as art exhibitions.” It is about Hawaiian culture and education and there he is on their Christmas card, promoting Hawaii and never stopping in that quest to make us aware of the special nature of that State and the importance of that State and so many of the qualities of that State.

I looked at Senator INOUE’s picture on the Christmas card and what I saw is that very kind and very generous but also, as our fellow Senators will testify and have testified repeatedly today, that very encouraging face and way of DAN INOUE.

Actually a year or so ago, on my own initiative, I wanted to know a little bit more about him. It is rare to have a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient in your midst, much more rare to work with that person every day. I had the great fortune and extreme pleasure of being on two of Senator INOUE’s committees he chaired. He chaired the Commerce Committee for a while and he chaired the Appropriations Committee. I served on both of those with him as chair. In both of those, by the way, I saw the great bipartisan working relationship he had. I want to talk about that again in a moment.

About a year or two ago I thought: I want to know more about Senator INOUE, so I started reading. Of course, you can go to Wikipedia and whatnot, but there are several books available, several resources available where they talk about his life story. Of course, with Senator Akaka and Senator INOUE, they were both born in the Territory of Hawaii, not the State of Hawaii but the Territory of Hawaii. When you start to read about DAN INOUE’s young life, you start to think this is an ordinary, average guy. He is going to grow up and be pretty nondescript. Who knows what he is going to do with the rest of his life? But when he is a youngster

he does things such as he parks cars at ball games; he cuts his classmates' hair for money—you know, these little things we all do. He saved his money and bought and trained a flock of homing pigeons. He had a postage stamp collection—all this ordinary American stuff that boys do as they are growing up.

But his life took a dramatic turn on December 7, 1941. He was an eyewitness, like Senator Akaka—and Senator Akaka often tells the story but DAN INOUE was an eyewitness to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was too young to join the military at that point, but he was not too young to serve. The way he served was he worked as a medic in the aftermath of that. I read a story about him one time and the only comment he said was he saw “a lot of blood” in those days when he worked around the clock to help people.

When he finally came of age to be able to serve, which was a few years later, he joined the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. For a lot of people, a lot of Americans, we may not appreciate exactly what or who the 442nd is, but it turns out it would become the most highly decorated unit in the history of the U.S. Army. Of course, Senator INOUE received the Medal of Honor for his service in that unit.

There is one other distinction it has. Almost all the members were of Japanese descent. So here is this 17-, 18-year-old young man who had eyewitness accounts of very harsh treatments by Americans of Japanese Americans.

One of the things Senator INOUE did not talk a lot about is that he did some sort of goodwill tour back in the 1940s to Japanese internment camps. He came to the two in Arkansas. My understanding is maybe the members of the 442nd—I am not quite sure how it worked, but they were doing some training or whatever, maybe down in Louisiana. I am not quite sure. But nonetheless they went to the two Japanese internment camps in Arkansas.

He goes on to serve in World War II with tremendous distinction. In fact, there are a few video interviews I would recommend to people that C-SPAN2 ran last night, just unbelievable, some of the stories he told about serving in the war and how it changed his life.

One of the things that I loved about him is how he carried a burden. He carried a burden of those heroic war years with him for the rest of his life. The fact that he had been so effective in war haunted him. It stayed with him, I am sure, until the day he died. I heard him talk about it a few months ago.

He also struggled and suffered with his own type of discrimination because he was a Japanese American. My generation—and certainly people younger than me—take that for granted. We don't discriminate against Japanese Americans. However, during the time of World War II, when a lot of people had never had much experience with Asians and Asian Americans, all they knew was that they had bombed Pearl Harbor, we were at war with them, so they must all be bad.

I remember Senator INOUE told a story—in fact, it was on PBS for the series called “The War,” a Ken Burns movie, where he talked about how he lost his arm and had done his rehab and was headed out to the west coast. It is my understanding he was supposed to catch a ship and go back to Hawaii after his long rehabilitation. Well, he decided to stop in and get a haircut at a local barber shop on the west coast. I believe the barber shop was in Oakland, CA. Here was a highly decorated World War II veteran who had literally almost given his life to this country and would live the rest of his life without his right arm. When he walked in the barber shop, the barber told him bluntly, “We don't cut Jap hair.” “We don't cut Jap hair” is the kind of thing that stays with you. That is the kind of thing that made Senator INOUE so unique.

I saw him meet with a young man just a few months ago who had also lost his arm. This young man lost his arm to cancer. He introduced himself to Senator INOUE and said, “I have always admired you and respected you because of your disability and what you have done for other people with disabilities.” DAN INOUE looked him square in the eye and said, “I don't consider it a disability.”

There again, we see his character and get a glimpse of what he was all about.

He was also the first Japanese American to be elected to Congress, the first Japanese American to be sworn in, and the first Japanese American to serve in the Senate. In fact, he was sworn into the House the very same day that Hawaii became a State.

There is a story that has circulated in the House for a decade about his swearing in. He came in at kind of a different time because he won a special election. He was in a class of one to be sworn in, and Sam Rayburn did the normal swear-in thing. He said, without thinking, “Raise your right hand and repeat after me.” Of course, Congressman INOUE didn't

have a right hand at that point; he left it in Italy while fighting for his country.

He broke several barriers, large and small, throughout his life. One of the things I loved about him was his relationship with Ted Stevens. I still remember that their desks were right across the aisle from one another. I remember them working together on all kinds of legislation. They were brothers. Their love and friendship transcended partisan divide. They were totally for the national interest. I think they set a great example for all of us and how we can work together.

They didn't always agree. If we look at their voting record, they voted opposite each other a lot of times, but they worked together and had an exemplary relationship I think we should all follow.

We had Senator INOUE come to the Senate Prayer Breakfast a few months ago. For those who are watching at home or don't know a whole lot about the Senate, every Wednesday morning we are in session we have a Senate Prayer Breakfast. It is for Senators and former Senators only. When we come together, it is a very special time to share each other's lives and tell stories.

It was a treat to have DAN INOUE. I believe he lived in Rockville, so it was hard for him to get here so he didn't make it that often, but he came when he could. I have been here 10 years, and I have been going to the Prayer Breakfast almost that long. He is the only speaker I have seen in the Senate Prayer Breakfast who got a standing ovation before he spoke and a standing ovation after he spoke. That is the kind of Senator and man he was. He had this spirit that oozed from him. No matter what situation he was in, other people respected him so much.

This last story I will tell is one of my favorite stories about him. When he won his reelection back in 2010—I didn't see it, but I heard this—at the podium that night while accepting his election for his ninth term, he announced that he was going to run for his tenth term in 2016. That is part of that indomitable spirit that we will all miss so much about Senator INOUE.

With that, I want to thank my colleagues for all the wonderful things they have said about Senator INOUE. I want to lift up his family in prayer. He has a fantastic, wonderful staff, and I know everyone in Hawaii is mourning the loss of this great man.

I yield the floor.

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown of Massachusetts, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Kyl, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Manchin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed of Rhode Island, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Snowe, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Mr. Webb, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 624

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE served the people of the State of Hawaii for over 58 years in the Territorial House of Representatives, the Territorial Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE became the first Japanese American to serve in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE represented the State of Hawaii in Congress from before the time that Hawaii became a State in 1959 until 2012;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE served as the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense, the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, Chairman of the Democratic Steering Committee, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Chairman of the Rules Committee, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition, and Secretary of the Democratic Conference;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE delivered the keynote address at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in which he ex-

pressed a vision for a more inclusionary Nation and famously declared “this is our country”;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE served as a medical volunteer at the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, and volunteered to be part of the all Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II at a time when Japanese Americans were being systematically discriminated against by the Nation he volunteered to defend;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE was wounded in battle and honorably discharged as a Captain with a Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster, and 12 other medals and citations; and

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE was awarded the Medal of Honor by President William J. Clinton in June 2000, along with 21 other Asian-American veterans of World War II for their actions during the war: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret of the death of the Honorable DANIEL K. INOUE, Senator from the State of Hawaii;

(2) the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased; and

(3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 64

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING), That in recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation by DANIEL K. INOUE, a Senator from the State of Hawaii and formerly a Representative from that State, his remains be permitted to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol on December 20, 2012, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the provisions of S. Res. 624, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator DANIEL K. INOUE of Hawaii, following the remarks of Senator Murkowski.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Alaska.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, it is only fitting that I be allowed to speak for a few minutes recognizing that on this floor we have just advanced these resolutions in honor

of our friend, our colleague, and truly an incredible gentleman and statesman, Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

In Alaska, we regarded former Senator Ted Stevens as “Uncle Ted.” What follows, then, is that the people of Alaska would regard his brother, our beloved DANIEL INOUE, as our uncle as well.

Today, the people of Alaska are mourning the loss of Senator INOUE in the same way we would mourn the loss of one of our own; that is, because Senator INOUE is one of our own. Regardless of whether he wanted that burden—I know that perhaps at times he did not want that—we would think of him as Alaska’s third Senator. A great many Alaskans came to know, to love, and to rely on Senator INOUE to watch Alaska’s back, and he never let us down.

Senator INOUE delivered a very touching, a very tender eulogy at Ted Stevens’ funeral in August 2010. In that address, he mentioned that millions of words had been written of Ted’s accomplishments. Yet as I was thinking about how I might frame my remarks about Senator INOUE’s life, it dawned on me that millions of words had also been written already about Senator INOUE. That is because I think so many of Ted’s accomplishments came with DAN INOUE at his side and, not coincidentally, many of DAN’s accomplishments occurred in the presence of Ted. So where do we begin? There is so much that must be said and that should be said.

I was present at the Anchorage Baptist Temple when Senator INOUE delivered his eulogy, and I had the opportunity last evening, after we learned word of Senator INOUE’s passing, to view that video clip again. As I listened to that eulogy, it came to me that everything Senator INOUE said about Ted told us as much about DAN as it did about Ted. There was so much that these two men shared.

Senator INOUE related that he knew from the very beginning of the relationship that the two would have a great deal in common. Both represented former Territories at the very edge of our great Nation—Territories that at times were treated as appendages to our Nation. He characterized Alaska and Hawaii as the forgotten people. In those early years, he reminded us it cost more to make a telephone call from Honolulu to here in Washington, DC, than it did from Honolulu to Tokyo. It was cheaper to call Beijing from Washington than from Anchorage. DAN and Ted set out to do something about that, and they did.

They traveled to each other's States. They came to understand the unique challenges each faced.

Senator INOUE related on one trip to an Alaska Native village that he met a nurse. It actually was not a nurse. It was our community health aide, an individual from the village who had been trained to provide basic medical care. It occurred to both of them at that time that the new technology could enable a doctor at a major hospital, hundreds or perhaps even thousands of miles away, to observe and diagnose a patient via a video link.

So was born the Alaska telemedicine network, one of the first of its kind in the world and truly a remarkable advancement and achievement in Alaska. It was born from their very conversations on that code. This is just one small example of the many collaborations that improved life for the Native peoples of Alaska and Hawaii. These collaborations created models by which Senator INOUE improved conditions for the Native peoples of the 48 States as well.

Another thing that Ted and DAN shared in common was, of course, that they were both veterans. One of our colleagues described them as World War II soulmates—men who loved the military, absolutely loved the military, with every ounce of their being. They traveled together across the globe to zones of conflict to visit Americans in uniform.

The tragedy of Vietnam veterans returning home unappreciated was not lost on either of these veterans, and they devoted their lives to ensuring that our veterans would never again be disrespected.

Following Ted's death, Senator INOUE came to this floor, and he said the following of his fallen brother: "When it came to policy, we disagreed more often than we agreed, but we were never disagreeable with one another. We were always positive and forthright."

This remark came as perhaps a little bit of a surprise to me because on the important issues that faced this country, they would most often arrive at significant agreements that would allow the issues to advance in the Senate. Not one of them viewed bipartisanship in a negative context. It was not a dirty word. Senator INOUE said of Ted: "We made the word bipartisan become real—real."

It is no coincidence that each would be described in these terms: "His word is his bond ... Good as gold."

DANIEL INOUE brought depth to every debate and dignity to every room in which he entered. He was a model Senator and in these times of turbulence within the Senate I think

a role model for so many of us. There was an elegance in this man that I think we should all strive to emulate. I wonder often if those of us who did not come of age in that Greatest Generation are up to this challenge. But we should certainly strive to be.

On behalf of the people of Alaska, I express our deepest appreciation and condolences to his wife Irene and to Ken for sharing this extraordinary statesman with us and with the Nation. For that, we owe them a very sincere and genuine thank you—*mahalo*. Irene, of course, is doing important work with the United States-Japan Council. I look forward to working closely with her in that important role.

When a significant figure in Alaska passes, we often say: “A big tree has fallen.” In the islands, DANIEL INOUE was the biggest of the big trees. There is no way to minimize the loss the people of Hawaii are feeling. We could see it in the face of Governor Abercrombie yesterday. He could barely control his tears as he conducted a lengthy news conference following Senator INOUE’s passing. We saw our friend and colleague, Senator Akaka, as he delivered very sad remarks as well. In Hawaii, as in Alaska, these things are personal. Losing a longtime Senator feels like losing a member of your own family. The Senate *ohana* is less today because Senator INOUE is no longer with us. Let me simply say the people of Alaska and the people of this great Nation stand with the people of Hawaii. I offer my personal commitment to the people of Hawaii as the now senior-most Senator representing the decades’ old alliance of our former Territories: Your needs will not be forgotten.

With that, I thank you for the few extra minutes this evening to pay tribute to a good man, a good friend.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, and does so under the provisions of S. Res. 624 as a further mark of respect to the late Senator DANIEL K. INOUE of Hawaii.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:51 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, *December 19, 2012*

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I would like to say a few words about our close, beloved friend, and colleague, DANNY

INOUE. I am hard pressed to think of anyone in this body I respected and loved more than DANNY INOUE. His broad smile, his desire to work with you, help you, his interest in finding common ground, his decency, his honesty, his forthrightness, and his dedication to service are unsurpassed.

Someone pointed out to me that when DAN was first chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, he passed all of the measures through his committee virtually unanimously. We should stop and think about that for just a second. This place is now so polarized, it is so difficult to get measures passed. But DAN, as committee chairman, worked with his members so virtually every bill in his first year was passed unanimously. There was one that was 29 to 1.

If only we would stop and reflect on that a bit, it would help us to work better together. DAN also worked very closely with Ted Stevens. One time Ted was chairman of the Appropriations Committee, another time the ranking member. The two of them worked very closely together to get measures passed through the Appropriations Committee. Other committees do the same; the chairman and the ranking member work well together. Regrettably, those measures then come out to the floor and become very polarized. That toxic dynamic of this echo chamber, Washington, DC, takes over once measures get on the floor.

Everyone will talk about DANNY as a military hero. He certainly was in so many respects. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, he tried to sign up, and he was refused because he was Japanese American. The Japanese were the enemy. But he and others petitioned the President and he was able to finally sign up.

DANNY served his country, our country, fully, over in Italy, losing an arm. He was such a hero, storming several German machine-gunner nests. He was so brave because he was American. He was fighting for his country.

Some may have mentioned, or some might in the future mention, DANNY's statement to many of us who went to a Prayer Breakfast a few months ago. DAN did not ever go to any Prayer Breakfasts, but he went to one. He wanted to explain why he did something. It was one of the more touching moments in my memory here. It is when DANNY went through a bit of his life, explaining how his mother—in Hawaii, was in an orphanage, something similar to that, and a bishop would come by monthly to each of the young children, and say, "What can I do for you, young lady?"

His mother right away said, "I want a home." And DANNY explained how his mother then went to live with the bishop and his family. That went a long way to help DANNY appreciate and understand decency, working together, community. It meant a lot to him.

Later, at Pearl Harbor he wanted to sign up. He did and served. But when he explained all of this to us, he then mentioned how he stormed—he was a very good shot. He was an excellent shot. He was a marksman. He was a sharpshooter. He recounted the first German he shot and killed in Italy.

At that moment he was pretty proud of himself, very patriotic. I am a good shot. I am an American. I got that German. They were engaged with the enemy frequently. He shot a few more Germans. One time he stormed a tower. There was a machine gunner up in the tower. DANNY rushed up. Prior to that time, one of the soldiers threw a grenade or shot a bazooka. It blew up most of the Germans there in that tower.

DANNY stormed up the stairway, got up there and there was one still alive. DANNY's immediate reaction was to use the butt of his gun to hit the soldier so the soldier could not shoot him. Well, at that moment, the soldier then reached into his pocket and pulled out photographs, photographs of the soldier's family, the soldier's mother, the soldier's brothers and sisters and children.

DANNY, in that instant, it was like an epiphany. He then realized he was not shooting the enemy, he was not shooting soldiers, he was not racking up statistics, he was killing people, a person, a real live person. It hit him so hard he then decided he had to leave. He had to stop this. He could not go on killing people.

He went to the chaplain and said, "Chaplain, I have to leave."

The chaplain said, "Well, I understand. That is your right. But maybe it is best if you stay in the service."

DANNY stayed. DANNY said a lot of people count sheep going to sleep at night. DANNY stayed awake at night. He could not sleep. He was counting the soldiers he shot and killed, and that had a huge, profound effect on him.

Years later, the Senate was debating the Iraq war resolution. Senator Byrd walked up to Senator INOUE. Senator Byrd, as we will recall, was very much opposed to the United States entering the war in Iraq. He stood up on the Senate floor and very eloquently explained why it was the wrong thing to do—the United States should not send troops over to Iraq.

Well, Senator Byrd walked over to DANNY and said, "DANNY, I have to ask you if you can support this resolution. I know you cannot because, my gosh, you are a war hero and given your military service."

DANNY right away said, "Oh, no, I will vote with you because it is the right thing to do. It is wrong for the United States to send troops over to Iraq."

DANNY said it was largely because of that experience, when that soldier reached in his pocket and showed him photographs of his family, that it just changed him. It changed DANNY and made DANNY realize the importance of not going to war unless it is absolutely, totally necessary, and going to Iraq was not necessary.

I was so impressed with DANNY in so many different ways. When I was first here, DANNY was assigned to defend Harrison Williams who was charged with ABSCAM violations. I remember, right over here on the side over here, DANNY set up; that was his responsibility as a lawyer on the floor to defend Senator Williams. I was stunned at DANNY's presentation. It was so good. It was so thoughtful. He spoke with such authority. Sure, he was a lawyer doing what lawyers are supposed to do, but as I said, it was stunning. He was an amazing man. It may be kind of a small thing. It may not be something that is repeated terribly often on the floor of the Senate, but I was stunned at how good he was. Other things I have also dealt with him personally on, matters dealing with the Appropriations Committee and sometimes on matters dealing with Montana.

I was really honored; we have this tradition around here called the Secret Santa where we give presents secretly to one of our colleagues. I drew DANNY INOUE's name. I was DANNY's Secret Santa. I thought: My gosh, what am I going to do to sufficiently honor DANNY?

I thought a little bit. Years ago there was something in Montana called the Devil's Brigade. During World War II the U.S. military joined with Canadians and set up secret training for rugged men, mountaineers, miners, and loggers, and so forth, to go over to Europe and help fight the war.

It is interesting, this is a precursor to all of special operations: Navy SEALs and Rangers and all of the special operations sprung from this secret, joint U.S.-Canadian effort in Montana. It was called the Devil's Brigade.

They went over in their first big operation to scale a cliff that was outside Rome, a hill held by the Germans. The Ger-

mans thought no way in the world would someone come up the cliff, so we will not defend the cliff.

Sure enough, the Devil's Brigade climbed that cliff at night. They beat the Germans up on the top. I thought this was a great gift for DANNY since World War II and Italy meant so much for him.

But, regretfully, when I went to the little ceremony, DANNY was not there and I could not give him my Secret Santa gift—but it is a small thing. As I walked over here, the secretary in my office said, "Senator, you should see this. A letter came in today, just today, this morning." It was from DANNY, and it was wishing me happy birthday. My birthday is 4 days after Pearl Harbor, and it just poignantly hit me. This was something thoughtful DANNY did. He did it himself. It wasn't an office letter. It was something he wrote himself.

I will just finish. There were a lot of things about DANNY, but the one thing I think that is so appropriate, again, DAN was such a statesman. He was beloved, obviously a hero, and all the things we like to talk about.

I would like to read a little excerpt from a book. DAN wrote his own personal history. It is "Journey to Washington" by Senator DANNY INOUE.

There is a preface, written by Senator Mike Mansfield, at the beginning of the book, and I would like to read this preface. It summarizes DANNY.

The life of DANNY INOUE has carried him from the streets of Honolulu into war, into law and political leadership in Hawaii, and, now, into the Senate of the United States as the first American Senator of Japanese ancestry. DAN INOUE's life is a personal triumph, a triumph of a man's courage and determination. But his triumph is, in the end, the triumph of America. The recognition which has come to DAN INOUE, like others before him, reveals the resilient capacity of this nation for replenishment, with energy and wisdom drawn from the many wellsprings of the human race. The story of DANIEL KEN INOUE, an American, is, in truth, an enduring chapter in the story of America.

So, DANNY, *aloha*.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Maryland.

Ms. MIKULSKI. I would like to compliment the Senator from Montana on his deeply moving and so personal reminiscences. It was both touching and manly. Thank you very much. It was inspirational. . . .

Mr. INHOFE. . . . Senator INOUE is different from most other Senators. I remember when my daughter Katie was much younger and she said, "My two favorite U.S. Sen-

ators”—I thought I was going to be one of them—“My two favorite ones are Senator INOUE and Senator Jesse Helms. They are such kind, older guys.” She wanted to know if they ever got angry at anything. No, they didn’t. As a conservative Republican I have gone to him many times for favors, really, to ask if we could get something done, and he never turned me down during that time. I had a long visit yesterday with his son and told him what we feel about DANNY INOUE and how much we are going to miss him. So that happened in 1959. That was when he was first elected to the U.S. Senate. . . .

Mr. LEVIN. When 17-year-old DANNY INOUE saw the Japanese planes over his Hawaii home on December 7, 1941, his first impulse was to help. So he ran to help. He had emergency medical training. He used that training to help bind the wounds of the Americans injured in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

His second impulse, just as strong, was to defend our country. But the America of 1941 did not want his service. In fact, it considered DANNY and his fellow Japanese Americans suspect and called them enemy aliens and confined more than 100,000 of them to internment camps. When DANNY INOUE tried to enlist to defend his country, his country told him: You are not welcome.

That DANNY INOUE did not allow anger and resentment to overcome his love of country says something remarkable about him and about our country. When in 1943 President Roosevelt allowed Japanese Americans to enlist in the fight against Nazi Germany, DANNY INOUE and thousands of young men answered the call. He burned with desire to defend the Nation that had told him and people of his background: You may not serve; a Nation that still held thousands of Japanese Americans behind barbed-wire fences.

When he left Hawaii for the Army, his father told him, “This country has been good to us. Whatever you do, do not dishonor this country.” DANNY, on more than one occasion, told stories about his Army training in Mississippi, about the racial segregation he saw. He told the story of how after he returned from World War II he stopped in California on the way home to Hawaii to get a haircut and was told: “We don’t serve Japs here.”

He stood there in full dress uniform, his chest covered in medals, a hook in place of the arm blown apart by a German rifle grenade. Even then he had to confront hatred. There is so much that is remarkable about the life of DAN INOUE,

the story of his service on the battlefields of Italy is indeed remarkable. The physical courage he displayed in winning the Medal of Honor is alone enough to earn the title "hero."

But rising above his physical courage and the guts he showed is the moral courage it took for DAN INOUE and his fellow Japanese Americans to even set foot on that battlefield. What is it that spurs some of our countrymen to offer their lives in defense of a country that shuns them? Where does that love of country come from? How can we impart some of it to those who too often take this country for granted?

It would be a wonderful tribute to DAN INOUE to seek out ways to encourage such service by future generations. DAN INOUE's work did not end when he took off his soldier's uniform. In many ways, it was just beginning. Forced by the loss of his arm to give up dreams of a medical career, he entered politics. His was one of the most remarkable careers in public service our country has ever seen. We will miss DAN INOUE so much in the Senate, his leadership, his legislative talent, yes, but also his friendship, his humor, his humility, his steadfast belief in the American people. He was the last remaining Senator who voted for the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In that vote and so many others, he served the Nation and the Senate with distinction that few have ever matched.

In Michigan we proudly claim an early connection to this noble man. Much of his recovery from the wounds he suffered in Italy took place at a veteran's hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. There he met two other young men, a soldier from Kansas named Bob Dole and one from Michigan named Phil Hart. They formed a lifelong bond, one that endured all the way to the Senate.

In 2003, when we dedicated that former hospital in Battle Creek, now a Federal office facility, as the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center, Senator INOUE told the audience, "All of us have chapters in our lives, milestones. My most important chapter," he said, "was a Battle Creek chapter. This is where I learned what democracy was all about, where I learned what America was all about."

To have imparted any lessons on America to DAN INOUE would be a remarkable honor. What we may have taught him pales in comparison to what he taught us.

A few years ago, in a speech honoring his fellow Japanese American veterans, DANNY told his audience that our greatness as a nation lies in part in our willingness to recognize the flaws in our past, including our treatment of Japanese

Americans and our determination in whatever limited way we could to make amends. DAN INOUE served his country because of his dream of what we could be: a nation unbound by our all too human failings.

He believed to his core that we are able to shed old prejudices. He believed that our Nation, despite its flaws, shines with such bright promise that we could inspire remarkable service and sacrifice, even in those who suffer from our shortcomings, a Nation so great that those we treat with disdain or even hatred can respond with love that knows no limit. This love was as powerful as the love that DAN INOUE showed for all Americans and for the very idea of America.

I am so grateful for the lessons that DANNY taught me, so grateful for his friendship. Barb and I send our deepest condolences to Irene and all of DANNY's family, to the people of Hawaii, and to all of those touched by this remarkable man.

Mr. REID. Mr. President. Our former colleague, now Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has written a letter in memory of our departed colleague DAN INOUE. I ask unanimous consent that the letter be printed in the *Record*.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the *Record*, as follows:

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 18, 2012.

Majority Leader HARRY REID,
*Hart Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER: Senator DANNY INOUE was and will continue to be one of my lifetime heroes. In December 2008, when the President, you and I, were in discussions about my potential service as United States Secretary of the Interior, Senator INOUE said the following to me:

"The Secretary of the Interior is the most important position in the Cabinet because you are the Custodian of America's Natural Resources and America's Heritage."

Senator INOUE's description of the Department was a major factor in my decision to accept the President's offer to serve as Secretary of the Interior. I have adopted his description of the job of Secretary as my motto and as the best description of the Department of the Interior.

Like you, I will forever miss Senator INOUE. He has served and continues to serve as a mentor and inspiration to me in all of my days in public service. I know his life and his teachings will continue to live through each of us as he continues to inspire our journey forward.

Respectfully,

KEN SALAZAR,
*U.S. Secretary of the Interior,
former U.S. Senator.*

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, today the State of Hawaii, the Senate, and the United States mourn the loss of Senator DANIEL INOUE.

Observers of the Senate today know Chairman INOUE as a poised, soft-spoken statesman: courteous and collegiate; shunning of the spotlight; above the petty churn of the partisan fray. But historians will remember him as a great patriot, a fierce warrior, a brave pioneer, and a great leader.

Chairman INOUE's unflinching commitment to his country withstood both the moral threat of having his family deemed enemy aliens and the direct physical threat of Nazi firepower. His famed "Go for Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat Team was made up of Japanese-American volunteers, but even among this exceptionally decorated group of men, 2LT INOUE exemplified exceptional bravery and sacrifice in what Winston Churchill described as "the war to confront not only military but moral aggression."

The fight to see the American values of freedom, justice, and equality fulfilled would continue beyond the war years and throughout Chairman INOUE's lifetime of service to his home State and his country. The new State of Hawaii sent him to Washington as part of its very first delegation. The first Japanese American elected to Congress, he has been a champion of civil rights for women, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and African Americans. Indeed, Chairman INOUE was the last surviving Member of the Senate to have voted for the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He also ferreted out corruption at the highest level of government, serving on the Senate's select committee on the Watergate scandal, and chairing the investigation of the Iran-Contra arms affair.

But DAN INOUE was first and foremost a servant of the people of Hawaii. Ever grateful for the faith they entrusted in him year after year, he worked to make sure they had every opportunity to achieve the full potential of the American dream. I was honored that he joined me as an original member of the Senate Oceans Caucus, and as a cosponsor of my bill to establish a National Endowment for the Oceans to protect the environment and economies that are so vital to both his home State and my own.

As his colleague and compatriot Senator Daniel Akaka said on the Senate floor in those first hours after we received the terrible news of Chairman INOUE's passing, "He fulfilled his dream of creating a better Hawaii." His wife Irene, his

son Ken, his daughter-in-law Jessica, his stepdaughter Jennifer, and his granddaughter Maggie can all be proud of that legacy. My thoughts are with them in this, their time of loss.

As the old hymn tells us:

Now the laborer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.

Aloha, DAN INOUE.

Mr. MERKLEY. . . . Senator INOUE will lie in state in the Capitol rotunda tomorrow. Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber at 9:35 a.m. tomorrow morning to proceed to the viewing together.

THURSDAY, *December 20, 2012*

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. . . . I would like to briefly note how sorry I am at this moment—as I know we all are—about the passing of our good friend, Senator DAN INOUE. I would like to briefly reiterate the sentiments expressed by a number of my colleagues.

Senator INOUE was a man of courage and wisdom. He represented his State and country proudly. He will be sincerely missed.

As everyone knows, today Senator INOUE lies in state just a few steps away from this Chamber. It is an honor the very few—only 31—have ever received. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve with the Senator. I thank him for his friendship and guidance and offer the most sincere condolences to his family. . . .

Mr. BLUNT. Madam President, I wish to talk about the disaster supplemental today, but before I do that, I would like to spend a minute talking about the Senator from Hawaii, Mr. INOUE. We were at the service this morning in the rotunda of the Capitol, where only 31 Americans in the history of the country have been honored by that opportunity for Americans to think about them as they lie in the center of the Capitol on the catafalque that was used by Abraham Lincoln and others. I was able to place the wreath in the Capitol when Rosa Parks was in that same place.

I want to say how honored I was to get to serve in the Senate with Mr. INOUE. He not only was a hero in so many ways but I think connected all of us to the Greatest Genera-

tion, as Tom Brokaw titled that generation, and there was no better example of that quiet, purposeful, heroic dedication to service than the Senator from Hawaii, the President pro temp, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, but most of all just a great American.

Last year when school was out, my youngest son Charlie was here for lunch. In the Senate Dining Room, he saw Mr. INOUE, and he had seen Ken Burns' World War II documentary in which the Senator was being recognized. He said, "I saw him in the documentary on World War II." I asked Senator INOUE to come over to speak to Charlie and his friends, and he did. They were so thrilled to meet him.

Then, when that was over and the Senator walked away, Charlie then told a story from the documentary, which he had only seen once, and it had been about a month before, and he was 7. But he said that during the war, he captured a German soldier, and the German soldier reached in his pocket, and he thought he was going for a weapon, so he knocked him down, and as he fell down, the German soldier's hand—a bunch of pictures fell out. And at that time, young DANIEL INOUE picked up the pictures, and they were of the man's family. And Charlie repeated—he said that he saw the pictures, and he said, "He is a man just like me." The greatness of that moment, his courageous actions later in the war, his leadership have often brought to mind—particularly as I sat in the Appropriations Committee and would look down the table and see him sitting there in the middle of the table—the thought that when that man leaves, there won't be anyone quite like him to take his place.

I would say, Madam President, to you and to my colleagues how honored I was to serve with him and how proud I am of the great and dedicated service he gave to the country. I hope we can all learn from his example. . . .

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I rise to speak about a subject which I know I and the Presiding Officer and a number of our colleagues have spent an enormous amount of time on; that is, the challenges of our fiscal circumstances. Before I start, I wish to join with so many of my other colleagues who have come to the floor in the last few days to celebrate the legacy of our departed colleague Senator INOUE. I didn't know him as long as many of our colleagues did, but in the 4 years I have served in this body, he was truly someone who was always a gentleman and represented the best of what I think the Senate is all about. . . .

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I just wanted to come to the floor—I know other Senators are speaking—to say to the rest of my colleagues and to many people who have expressed interest, the Democratic caucus has just confirmed me to be the full chair of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee.

I take the floor today to announce that with great humility. I am filling the footsteps of Senator DANNY INOUE, who was indeed a giant among men, a war hero, and an advocate for social justice, national security, and a compassionate government. . . .

It is going to be a new day in the Appropriations Committee, but we are going to follow old-school values of the men who went before us: DAN INOUE, Ted Stevens, men who fought in World War II to defend America. They stood on this Senate floor to defend the Constitution. They spoke for their States. That is what we are going to do. . . .

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, earlier today a lot of us, Members of the Senate, joined the family and friends of our great colleague who passed away earlier in the week, as they brought his body into the U.S. Capitol. I rise here this afternoon to extend some of the tributes that we have made to the memory and to the life of Senator INOUE.

For the past 26 years I was privileged to serve alongside Senator INOUE in this Chamber. I came to know him as a wise counselor, a skilled legislator, a formidable negotiator, and a trusted friend. His unassailable reputation as an American hero, however, had been forged long before any of us here ever met him.

Senator INOUE did not demand respect. He commanded it. The reasons for this are many. In 1941, he witnessed first hand the horror at Pearl Harbor. As a Red Cross volunteer, he cared for his fellow citizens injured in the attack. Not long thereafter, he joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was determined to serve his country despite the fact that he, like all Japanese Americans, had been deemed an “enemy alien” when the United States declared war on Japan.

As a young military officer in 1945, DANIEL INOUE led his unit in a successful attack against a Nazi fortification in northern Italy. The valor, courage, selflessness, and determination he displayed during the battle are the stuff of legend, and would later earn him the Medal of Honor. During

this attack he sustained serious permanent injuries that served as constant reminders of his sacrifice for our country.

Senator DANIEL INOUE began his political career as a member of Hawaii's Territorial House of Representatives in 1954. Almost immediately, his colleagues tapped him as the majority leader of that body. His tremendous leadership ability was already apparent. He then ascended to the Territorial Senate in 1958, and became Hawaii's first U.S. Congressman upon the granting of statehood in 1959. Only 3 years later, DANIEL INOUE became a U.S. Senator. He was elected to a staggering nine consecutive terms, continuing to serve until his passing. It is a testament to his effectiveness as a Senator and his devotion to his State that no challenger ever mounted a serious threat for his seat.

Through his hard work in the U.S. Senate, Senator INOUE helped to ensure that Hawaii's economy and people prospered. As a member, and later chairman, of the Appropriations Committee, Senator INOUE skillfully secured myriad infrastructure, natural resource, cultural, job training, and agriculture projects for his State. As a member of the Appropriations Committee I learned valuable lessons by observing Senator INOUE over the years. He understood the art of the deal, always operating out of mutual respect toward shared interests. I cannot recall a time when he did not deliver for the people of Hawaii. While he never lost focus on the interests of his State, he also maintained eternal vigilance on matters of national security. As a war hero, his attention to veteran affairs and military needs was unsurpassed.

In addition, Senator INOUE served as the first chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence. As a former chairman of this committee, I was honored to carry forward the rigorous oversight example he set. By the time his career ended, Senator INOUE had become the second longest serving Senator in U.S. history.

His list of accomplishments and honors is seemingly unending. In fact, it is among the most impressive compiled by any who ever set foot in this Chamber.

Senator INOUE never talked about any of this. He was not brash or boastful or domineering. Rather, he carried himself with quiet reserve and firm resolve.

Senator INOUE's life story speaks for itself and demonstrates a faith in and devotion to our country second to none. He was one of the most decent and inspiring people I have ever known. I am proud to have served with this great

man and to have called him a friend. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife and family during this difficult time.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise to salute my colleague, Senator DAN INOUE, and remember him for his great service to our country. Like so many of my colleagues, I come down to the Senate floor with a great deal of sadness but also admiration for the incredible life that DANNY INOUE led.

He certainly was a giant among Senators, and for the work he did—everything from investigating Watergate to fighting for Native Hawaiian rights, to everything he did in the United States every day—he will be remembered as a man who fought for justice. When I think about DANNY INOUE and the mentoring he has done for me and my colleague Senator Murray and for the State of Washington, I can tell you he will be sorely missed.

We know something about long-term Senators in the State of Washington. Certainly, DANNY INOUE and Scoop and Maggie were all friends. He was also a friend to Washington State. He forged a great relationship with Scoop and Maggie. That started when Scoop Jackson actually championed statehood for Hawaii starting as early as the late 1940s. He played a key role in supporting it and passing it into the Hawaii Statehood Act. That is something DANNY INOUE was so appreciative of. They forged a great relationship.

Senator INOUE and Senator Maggie were great friends and mentors. I had the opportunity many years ago to hear both of them at Senator Magnuson's house in Seattle reminisce about their days together. Some of those stories I could share on the floor; some I could not. But they were longtime friends.

The one story that is written about in Warren Magnuson's biography by Shelby Scates is a story about how, when Mount Saint Helens blew up, Senator Magnuson went to Senator INOUE and said, "We need about \$1 billion to help for the cleanup of Mount Saint Helens."

You can imagine in 1980 what a tremendous amount of money that would be. Senator INOUE said, "Senator Magnuson, we have volcanoes blowing up all the time in Hawaii, and we never get a dime."

Magnuson responded, "Just wait, it will be your turn soon."

So these are two incredible individuals who forged a relationship and, along with Jackson, were some of the big gi-

ants of our day in the Senate. We in the State of Washington certainly benefited greatly from Senator INOUE's incredible help and support. I know he traveled to our State many times at my request and participated in many different events. Probably one of the most important things he did for us in the State of Washington was the Puyallup land claim settlement and how Senator INOUE led the fight as the chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee to make sure the right thing was done.

Together with Congressman Norm Dicks, we had a very difficult situation. The Puyallup Tribe, the port and the city of Tacoma, and others all had a difficult dispute going on. The end result was the second largest Native American land claim settlement in U.S. history. The deal led to tremendous economic growth for the tribe, for the port, and for the surrounding committees.

Senator INOUE, as I said, was the chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs in 1980 when the Puyallup Tribe successfully sued to assert its claim for land around its reservation. This land included the Port of Tacoma, many parts of downtown Tacoma, and the towns of Fife and Puyallup. Because of his strong commitment to Native American rights, the Puyallup Tribe trusted Senator INOUE to serve as an intermediary between the parties involved in the negotiation to try to resolve this dispute. He made around a dozen trips to Washington State at key moments of this negotiation.

Can you imagine a Senator who has to represent his State, be a leader on the Appropriations Committee, and who would spend so much time on one particular dispute?

During one tense session at a Tacoma hotel, Senator INOUE described his role as "messenger boy," running between tribal negotiators on the second floor and non-Indian negotiators on the fifth floor. By his own estimate, he shuttled between those 2 floors 21 times. His tireless commitment and work helped keep the negotiations moving along. Finally, in 1988, a deal was struck and the settlement was passed into law in 1989.

The tribe relinquished claims to land it originally held. In exchange, they received \$162 million that included 200 acres of disputed land. Of this total, \$77 million were Federal funds, which Senator INOUE and Congressman Dicks worked to obtain.

When Senator INOUE was asked about the Federal Government's contribution toward the settlement, he replied, "I got my training from Magnuson."

For the Puyallup Tribe, the results have been dramatic. Today the tribe is one of the largest employers in Pierce County, and it is moving forward with its port development partnership. The Puyallups have become prominent leaders for other tribes in important areas such as protecting natural resources, providing law enforcement, and improving health care.

As for the Port of Tacoma, the results have been impressive as well. With the settlement, the port was able to tear down the Blair Bridge and open the waterways to the world's largest container ships. Removing the uncertainty of land ownership and relocating Highway 509 also unlocked land in the upper Blair Waterway for development, and a lot of new development occurred.

According to the port, these improvements provided 43,000 jobs in Pierce County. The volume of cargo at the port has nearly doubled, growing from 782,000 containers in 1988 to nearly 1.5 million containers in 2011. Now the Port of Tacoma handles more containers than its friendly rival to the north, the Port of Seattle, so it is something they very much take with great pride.

Senator INOUE has stood with Washingtonians on an issue that was so important to us and has led to so much growth and economic development, and only his leadership provided the necessary oversight to navigate this thorny issue. He also has helped us on many other issues, protecting salmon and our other fisheries, fighting for Native Americans and supporting strong defense and veterans' issues.

He certainly will be remembered in the Northwest as a true friend. Our Nation's veterans had no greater friend than Senator INOUE. But when it came time to pass national legislation recognizing the Japanese American veterans' contributions to our country during World War II, he let others take the lead, knowing he, himself, would also be an honorary recipient of this award.

During a ceremony in November 2001, with the other Nisei veterans at his side, Senator INOUE accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service.

In his remarks Senator INOUE said, "Seventy years ago, we were enemy aliens, but today, this great Nation honors us in this special ceremony." I can tell you because there were many Nisei veterans from the Pacific Northwest who traveled to our Nation's Capital to participate in that event. Their families were so honored to be there with their parents and to honor them in this great ceremony. It would not have happened if it had not been for Senator INOUE's incredible leadership.

He also successfully fought to honor the veterans who served in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines on the side of the United States during World War II. Because of a law passed in 1946, their service was not recognized. They were denied access to health care and given only half the disability and death compensation of U.S. veterans.

Senator INOUE changed that. Over the years, he secured nearly \$200 million in compensation for Filipino veterans, and he fought to grant Filipino veterans the same access as U.S. veterans to VA hospitals.

Senator INOUE's strong sense of honor and justice drove him to fight for the recognition of these veterans' service. He was fond of saying, "justice is a matter of continuing education."

For that reason, he also made sure injustices endured by U.S. citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry during World War II will never be forgotten. He led the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which acknowledged their forced internment and provided compensation for those surviving detainees. Senator INOUE also understood that recognizing and honoring the service of these veterans meant helping them prosper as they were entering civilian life.

I was proud to work with Senator INOUE and my colleague Senator Murray on the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Because of the act, businesses that hire qualified veterans can get tax credits up to \$9,600. Back in April of this year, Senator INOUE and I visited a company in Seattle, VECA, which hires primarily veterans, and I can tell you they were so happy to meet him. They were so excited to see one of our Nation's true heroes and to honor him by talking about the service they were trying to give back to our country.

From the battlefields of World War II to the Halls of Congress, Senator INOUE brought grace, charm, and an unbelievable sense of duty to our country. He truly was a giant

of a statesman, not just in Hawaii but in the State of Washington.

A few years ago, Senator INOUE was visiting some underprivileged children in Hawaii to see the digital media center he helped support. One of the students he met said, "I feel like I met one of the most important people in the world."

I couldn't agree more. Senator INOUE's legacy and impact cannot be overstated. He was an old-school Senator who was always courteous, respectful to his colleagues no matter what the circumstances, and he will not be forgotten.

I join our Nation in praying for his wife Irene, his son Ken, and daughter-in-law Jessica, his stepdaughter Jennifer, and his granddaughter Maggie. I hope they understand how much we appreciate them sharing him with us and all he did.

His service to our country will not be forgotten, and it certainly will be impossible to match.

I yield the floor.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I come here today to talk about my friend: Senator DANNY INOUE. DANNY was a friend of mine since I came to the Senate 20 years ago. He had a unique ability to connect with people, to befriend them. I know. He always helped me. He was smart, able, and someone who in more than 20 years I grew to love.

He was a war hero who fought bravely in World War II, even at a time when many in this country actively discriminated against Japanese Americans.

He served in this body for more than 50 years—the second longest serving Senator of all time.

DANNY and I worked closely together on the Appropriations Committee for many years. I often sought his counsel, and he was always an advocate for me.

I want to say something personally to his beloved wife Irene: You were married to a truly wonderful man and an American hero. Death of a loved one is hard. I know. I have been through it. But, Irene, the love does remain. I know you were so proud to be his wife, to help him share his dreams through these years.

I want you to know that you have many friends here, who now want to help you through this most difficult part of life.

DANNY, you will be greatly missed.

Thank you for your service, thank you for your friendship.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, it was with great sadness on Monday that we learned of the passing of a member of our Senate family, Senator DANIEL INOUE. My deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Irene, his son, Kenny, and to all of his family. I also extend my sympathy to the great people of Hawaii, who have lost one of their champions.

Over the past few days, I have heard my colleagues pay tribute to this wonderful man. They have used words such as statesman, public servant, hero, patriot, leader, mentor, and champion. Each of these tributes is without a doubt deserved. I echo all of these accolades, but above all I was honored to call Senator INOUE "friend."

Senator INOUE and I served on two committees together, with him serving as my chairman on both of those committees: Indian Affairs and Appropriations. The lessons I learned from him will forever be with me. His commitment to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians was unparalleled. In our home States, we both have large populations of Native people and his leadership on these issues has taught me that our work is never done when it comes to bettering the lives of our first people. I had the opportunity to work with him on a number of important issues impacting South Dakota Natives over the years, and I very much appreciated his visit to South Dakota in 2002 to conduct a hearing in Rapid City on Native issues.

A man of quiet reflection, DANNY was a giant among men. A Medal of Honor recipient for his efforts in World War II and recipient of two Purple Hearts, he was a true American hero. His acts of valor during the war are nothing short of legendary. His care for veterans rivals that of any past or present Member of this body.

To put Senator INOUE's service into perspective, eight Members of this Chamber had not even been born when DANNY was sworn into his first term as the third Senator from the State of Hawaii. Not many Senators in the history of this Chamber have done more for their home States than what Senator INOUE did for his beloved Hawaii. His legacy is spread far and wide throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Senator INOUE will be greatly missed in this Chamber. His mark on this body and on his home State of Hawaii shall be felt for generations to come. *Aloha*, my friend.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in remembrance of an incredible statesman and American hero, Senator DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii. Senator INOUE passed

away Monday evening, and to say that his leadership will be missed would be a tremendous understatement—not only of his influence as a policymaker but of his iconic status as a pillar of the Senate.

In terms of political longevity, he follows only Robert Byrd as the second longest serving Member in Senate history. This is significant because second place never came naturally for Senator INOUE. He was, after all, the face of so many “firsts” for our country and for his State. In 1959, he became the first-ever Asian American to serve in the U.S. Congress, elected during Hawaii’s first-ever Federal election cycle, representing the State as part of its first-ever congressional delegation.

He almost added another impressive “first” to his resume, when Minnesota’s own Hubert Humphrey put DAN at the top of his short list for running mates in the 1968 Presidential election.

Perhaps the greatest legacy Senator INOUE will leave behind is his record of standing up for our men and women in uniform. As chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he revolutionized the way our country serves those who have served for us—not just on the battlefield, but also here at home in the form of stronger benefits for veterans and better support for military families.

Senator INOUE knew a thing or two about service. He enlisted in the Army after the attack on Pearl Harbor and fought for our country on the front lines during World War II. He did it despite our Government’s decision to place his own people, Japanese Americans, in internment camps because he believed that he and his family owed the United States an “un-repayable debt.” I would argue that he paid back that debt and much more.

To this day, the unit of all Japanese American soldiers that he served with is the most decorated in history for its size and length of commitment. Senator INOUE himself earned a Bronze Star, a Distinguished Service Cross and, eventually, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The story of how he earned it—and how he lost his right arm—is the stuff of legend. A grenade exploded near his right elbow during a firefight in Italy, shredding his arm and severing his hand just as he was preparing to throw a grenade of his own. Afraid the weapon might detonate in his nearly severed right hand first, Senator INOUE used his left

hand to pry it out and throw it toward enemy lines. He was, and is, a true American hero.

From his decorated military career to his longtime service for Hawaii, Senator INOUE was a dedicated public servant. Humble to the end, Senator INOUE was and always will be known as a true gentleman in the Senate. *Aloha*, Senator INOUE.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President. With his family at his side, the last word spoken by Senator DANIEL INOUE in this life was "*aloha*." To the people of Hawaii, it is a word with a meaning far beyond simply "hello" or "goodbye." It is a word of profound significance, one that describes a spirit of service to others, of compassion, and reverence.

It is the best possible epitaph for my cherished friend and colleague.

DAN INOUE lived that spirit every day of a long and remarkable life. When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, he was there, serving as a medical volunteer in the most horrific and dangerous circumstances. When the ban on Japanese Americans serving in the U.S. military was lifted in 1943, he immediately enlisted. In the closing days of World War II, when his platoon came under intense enemy fire, 2LT INOUE led the attack, despite grievous wounds.

That extraordinary heroism earned DAN INOUE the Medal of Honor but cost him his right arm and his dream of becoming a surgeon. In the true aloha spirit, he found another way to serve, first as a member of the Hawaii Territorial Legislature, and then, when statehood was achieved in 1959, as Hawaii's first Member of Congress.

In 1962, DAN was elected to the Senate, beginning a half century of contributions, accomplishments, and leadership on behalf of this institution and our Nation. He was the first Japanese American elected to the Congress and a stalwart champion of civil rights for all. He was a decorated hero who fought for the rights and benefits of all veterans. From his daily work in the Senate to his exceptional service on the Watergate and Iran-Contra Committees, DAN approached every task with the determination to do what was best for our country.

I was privileged to serve with DAN on the Appropriations Committee and honored to join him in the Gang of 14 to preserve the tradition of open debate in the Senate. No matter how difficult the issue, he always conducted himself with dignity and civility.

In this time of sorrow, I offer my deep condolences to the Inouye family. I hope they will find comfort in knowing that this great patriot and public servant leave a legacy that will inspire Americans for generations to come. And to Senator DANIEL INOUE I say, *aloha pumehana*, my friend. Farewell with my deepest regards and affection.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I appreciate having this opportunity to join my colleagues in expressing not only my great sadness on the passing of Senator INOUE but my great appreciation of his lifetime of service to his beloved Hawaii and to our Nation. DANNY INOUE lived a full and active life, and his great gifts enabled him to make a difference that will continue to be felt for a long time to come.

I had the honor of introducing DANNY INOUE during one of our Prayer Breakfasts earlier this year. Even though I thought I knew him pretty well, as I read the interviews and personal reflections he had shared on his life, I realized more than before the importance of the role he had played over the years as he worked so very hard to make Hawaii all that it is today.

DANNY learned at an early age all about the importance of observing the great values that served to help direct his life—love of country, love of family, service to all those who needed his help, and, equally important, service to God. Over the years those great principles helped to make him a leader in every sense of the word as people looked to him for his leadership in difficult times of both war and peace.

Over the years, he was often asked about his experience during World War II and the impact it had on him. DANNY would begin his reflections when he was a young man, still in high school and pursuing his dream of a career in medicine. As so often happens in our lives, his life was changed forever in a moment that began one morning as he was getting ready for church. He heard a report on his radio that Pearl Harbor was being attacked. Without hesitation, DANNY headed over to the base to see what he could do to help those who had been injured. DANNY had learned a great deal about first aid, and his skills were put to good use to help those who had been injured that day.

That was just the first part of DANNY's story and his experience with the war effort of those years. In the days to come it would present him with one of the toughest challenges that anyone could have ever faced as he played an important role in the effort to protect our Nation and restore peace to the world.

As he would continue with his story, DANNY's war experiences told a powerful and compelling story about what so many of our Nation's veterans have experienced in battle. That is why DANNY will always be known as one of our great war heroes. Even with that standard, however, there was something special about him and the courage and bravery he showed on the battlefield. His efforts were so extraordinary they were recognized with a Medal of Honor, one of our Nation's highest awards. They place him on the roster of our most distinguished heroes, and they remind us all of the great sacrifices that he and so many of our veterans have made over the years to keep our Nation strong and free. Thanks to DANNY and those with whom he served, we were able to emerge from that world war victorious and bring peace and freedom to those nations that had been overrun by an evil alliance led by a ruthless dictator in Germany.

That was just the start of DANNY's life, but it had taken a heavy toll from him that would change it forever. With the loss of his arm, it was no longer possible for him to complete his dream of being a surgeon. Those who knew him and his great caring heart urged him to find another field in medicine to pursue. He decided to follow another path, and as we are told in the Bible, God had a hand in helping to direct his steps.

As soon as he could, DANNY attended George Washington University, my alma mater, and earned his law degree. He then became a part of the effort that would lead Hawaii to statehood. DANNY knew the result would bring great changes to his home State and increase the opportunities available to the people who lived there. Thanks in part to DANNY, those efforts to achieve statehood were successful, and they resulted in the addition of Hawaii to the roster of our States—and placed another star on the American flag he loved so dearly.

DANNY knew that statehood would not be the end, it would be just the beginning of the next great chapter in the history of Hawaii. DANNY wanted to be a part of that effort, too, so he was encouraged to run to serve as Hawaii's first Representative in the House. He was successful, and his election to the Congress gave him an opportunity to take on another leadership role—crafting the future of his beloved home State. Once again, it brought out the best in him, as he dedicated himself to making Hawaii a better place for all those who called that special place their home.

It wasn't long before DANNY then ran for and won his election to the U.S. Senate. It began a Senate career that was to enable him to make a difference in more ways than we will ever know. As he served here, he did more than observe history or participate in it—he helped to write it day by day, chapter by chapter.

DANNY's career has been so active, so full, and so productive, it would be impossible to list all his achievements that make up his legacy of service both here in the Senate and back home in Hawaii. One thing will always stand out in my mind, however—DANNY's great loyalty to all those with whom he served. In every sense DANNY was a gentleman and a gentle man. He had a quiet and understated way of doing his work day by day. He was a man of great kindness, and he shared that kindness with everyone he knew or worked with. His service as a Member of the Senate provided us with a great example of how we should all approach our duties and our work together, putting our country, our God, our family, and our home States first.

That is why Senators on both sides of the aisle have come to respect and appreciate him and his character so very much. I will long remember the great friendship and close working relationship he had with Ted Stevens. They shared such a strong bond that they often referred to each other as brothers. He had strong and supportive friendships with other Senators, too, and that is why we will all miss him so very much in the days and months to come.

I know I will never forget that Prayer Breakfast and all DANNY had to share with us that day. He had a great and powerful faith in God and the special relationship they had built up over the years. It helped strengthen him on the battlefield. It helped to guide his efforts when he was called to serve the people of Hawaii. It gave him a source of inner strength that firmed his resolve as he worked to serve the people of our Nation.

By any and all standards, DANNY INOUE lived a life we would all be proud of. He packed more into each day than some people experience in a lifetime. Although we had him with us for so many years, it still feels like he was taken from us all too soon.

Now we come together to say goodbye to our colleague—confident in the knowledge that he has made a difference in Hawaii and in Washington that will continue to have an impact for many years to come. It is often said but always bears repeating that one person can make a difference in the

world that will equal their determination to do so. DANNY is the proof of that, and his memory will continue to inspire all those who knew him or will read about him and his great love for the United States of America.

As a grandfather, I will also long remember that day just a few years ago when DANNY became a grandfather, too—for the first time. It was a day he had long anticipated and looked forward to. It reminded me of how much it means to all grandfathers to hold the next generation of their family in their arms and to be reminded of the great circle of life and all that it means as the memories of the past give way to our hopes for the future. Now that grandchild will proudly carry the legacy DANNY INOUE leaves behind to all those who knew and loved him. It is more than a record of great achievements, it is a challenge he leaves to all those who will follow him to dare to try to do even greater things than DANNY INOUE has done.

God bless and be with you, DANNY. Thanks for your service, but most especially thanks for your friendship. Our faith reminds us that we will be parted for only a short time and the day will come when we will see you again. Until that time, you will be greatly missed and you will never be forgotten. Diana and I will keep your family in our prayers. May God bless and be with them all.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, this has been a hard week in the Senate as we have said goodbye. As we have just seen in the remarks of the majority leader, retirements are very difficult. Parting with the company of honored and treasured colleagues in the Senate is as hard as it is anywhere in the world, but we have had some particularly difficult moments earlier today. We assembled in the rotunda of this great building of the Capitol to celebrate the life of one of our greatest colleagues, Senator DAN INOUE of Hawaii. His desk sits draped in black, and his chair has a lei that was flown in from his home State of Hawaii.

This week we have all felt and known the change in the Chamber. The Senate has lost a giant and America has lost a hero. DANNY INOUE was truly a great man, and I feel blessed in my 2 years here to have had the opportunity to sit with him over a private lunch, to joke with him occasionally in the anteroom, and to learn something of his spirit and his personality. He had such a big heart and a wonderfully gracious spirit.

Most of the Senators I have had the honor to come to know in these 2 years I only knew from a great distance as a local

elected official or as someone in the business community at home in Delaware. When I asked Senator INOUE to lunch, I was intimidated. As a Congressional Medal of Honor winner, as a giant in the Senate, as the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and the President pro tempore of this Senate, frankly, I trembled to sit with him at a lunch and was delighted to discover a person who was so approachable, so warm, so human, so hard working, so loyal, so spirited, and so passionate. . . .

We don't often see the level of humanity in the Senate that we have seen this week, but it is important to know that the people who work in this building can be better than the passing politics that sometimes dominates, and Senator DANNY INOUE knew that. His enduring friendship with Senator Ted Stevens, a Republican from Alaska, was legendary. He believed passionately that it was important for us to work together and to get past party affiliation and the picaresque matters and get together to do right for our country.

Of the many speeches I heard in this Chamber and the remarks we heard earlier today in the Capitol rotunda, one thing leaps out at me about DANNY INOUE: Even when he was declared an enemy alien—as were all of his ancestry at the outset of one of the greatest conflicts this world has known—Senator INOUE volunteered for service in Europe. He was a member of our most decorated military unit, the 442nd Combat Battalion. He engaged in the fields of Europe and the hill country of Italy in a moment of such personal sacrifice and remarkable bravery as to humble any who hear its details.

In his service over decades after that moment, he proved what he showed on that battlefield: that DANNY INOUE believed in America even before America believed in him. Even in a moment of such immense injustice, which was bitterly unreal to thousands of people across this country of Japanese ancestry, this man's great heart, aloha spirit, and embrace of the American dream led us forward. He pulled us into the greatness that was meant for this country.

The star of Senator INOUE may have dimmed in this Chamber that is surrounded in its border by stars, but as I share the honor as the Presiding Officer over this Chamber, I will—in the days and months and years ahead—look to our flag and remember this Senator. He represented the 50th State, the State of Hawaii, from its very first moment of joining the stars on our flag in statehood. He has shone ever more brightly in his decades of service here, and that exam-

ple of service pulls us forward into an ever brighter commitment to human dignity, decency, and the respect for all in this country that his lifelong service challenged us to believe in. . . . If there is a common thread between [the retiring Senators], it is that they share that loyalty, work ethic, and humility that so characterized Senator INOUE in his decades here.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise as my friend, my colleague, my brother, DANNY INOUE lies in state in the Capitol rotunda just a few yards from where I stand now. In life, he received our Nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor. Today he is receiving a tribute reserved for just a handful of American heroes such as Abraham Lincoln.

I come to the floor to speak about an important piece of legislation I developed and worked with DAN INOUE on for over 12 years. Today, in Senator DAN INOUE's honor, for all the people of Hawaii, I am asking the Senate to pass the Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act.

DAN and I developed our bill to create a process that could address the many issues that continue to persist as a result of the legal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893.

As you know, DAN INOUE was a champion for Hawaii and worked every day of his honorable life to solve problems and help our island State.

DAN also served on the Indian Affairs Committee for over 30 years and chaired it twice. He was an unwavering advocate for the U.S. government-to-government relationships with Native nations. He constantly reminded our colleagues in the Senate about our Nation's trust responsibilities and our treaty obligations to America's first peoples. DAN believed that through self-determination and self-governance, these communities could thrive and contribute to the greatness of the United States.

When asked how long the United States would have a trust responsibility to Native communities, he would quote the treaties between the United States and Native nations, which promised care and support as long as the Sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

DAN INOUE's sheer determination to improve the lives of this country's indigenous peoples and make good on the promises America made to them led him to introduce more than 100 pieces of legislation on behalf of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

Senator DAN INOUE secured passage of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act, the Native Hawaiian

Education Act, the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act, and the Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act.

He was instrumental in helping me to enact the apology resolution to the Native Hawaiian people for the suppression of their right of self-determination. It was enacted on the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

In 1999, DAN and I worked together to develop the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act to give parity to Native Hawaiians. For over 12 years now, we worked together to pass the bill to ensure that Native Hawaiians have the same rights as other Native peoples, and an opportunity to engage in the same government-to-government relationship the United States has already granted to over 560 Native nations throughout this country, across the continental United States, and in Alaska, but not yet in Hawaii.

Over the years, people have mischaracterized the intent and effect of our bill, so let me be plain. For me, as I know it was for DAN, this bill is about simple justice, fairness in Federal policy, and being a Nation that acknowledges that while we cannot undo history, we can right past wrongs and move forward. To us, this bill represented what is *pono* in Hawaii, what is just and right.

Our bill is supported by President Barack Obama and the U.S. Departments of Justice and Interior. It has the strong support of Hawaii's Governor, the State legislature, and a large majority of the people of Hawaii. Our bill has the endorsement of the American Bar Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Alaska Federation of Natives, and groups throughout the Native Hawaiian community.

As a Senator and senior statesman, Senator DAN INOUE advocated that Congress do its job and legislate where Native communities were concerned. DAN INOUE believed that a promise made should be a promise kept.

In the days since my dear friend DAN's passing, there has been a tremendous outpouring of love from Hawaii and every other State in the Union. Native American communities across the country are mourning the loss and paying tribute to their great champion. DAN INOUE's absence will be felt in this Chamber and the Nation for many years to come. May his legacy live on for generations of Native Americans and inspire all Americans to always strive toward justice and reconciliation.

I urge my colleagues to pass the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act in the memory of Senator DANIEL K. INOUE and his desire to provide parity to the Native Hawaiian people he loved so much.

To DAN, I say: *Aloha 'oe* and *a hui hou*, my brother.

FRIDAY, *December 21, 2012*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I rise today to say goodbye to my friend, Senator DANIEL K. INOUE. This week in the Senate, we lost a colleague, a mentor, and a compass, and what is more our country lost one of the greatest heroes of the Greatest Generation.

We are a Nation that still holds its heroes dear, and that is why it is so hard to say goodbye to DANNY.

I can think of no place more fitting to say one last "*aloha*" than at the very center of this Nation's Capitol Building as DANNY rested under the dome yesterday, which is the symbol of freedom to the entire world and the very freedom he gave so much of himself to protect.

And protect it he did. DANNY stood up and fought the racial stereotypes that would have kept Japanese Americans from joining their friends and brothers in World War II. His service in France and Italy, including his heroic battle in Tuscany which earned him our highest military honor, helped fight the spread of evil and hate and religious persecution. In Congress, DANNY kept a constant vigil in the service of the people of Hawaii, making sure our 50th State was as well represented as any of the original 13.

As we have gathered to honor him over the past 2 days here in Washington and will continue to gather over this weekend in Hawaii, to thank him, and to say a final farewell, we will be a Congress united. Not conservatives or liberals, Democrats or Republicans, 99 percent or 1 percent. We stand together just as DANNY saw us all: as Americans.

DANNY was a friend. Quick with a word of advice or encouragement, loyal to his friends and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, in DANNY's passing we lost a man who could bridge any divide. We lost a man who led in his platoon, in his caucus, and in his beloved home State of Hawaii.

DANNY will be missed by this body and by his friends on both sides of the aisle. It is my hope his spirit will remain with us, and help ensure that the next generation of heroes

has the same freedoms he held so dear. We will never stop fighting to protect them, DANNY. *Mahalo* and *aloha*.

FRIDAY, *December 28, 2012*

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I wish to talk for just a couple minutes about Senator INOUE. I know I am late in the process, and that is partly why I am doing it—because I wanted to be late in the process.

I had been in the Senate one day back in 1985, and DAN INOUE came to visit me in my office. He was up here; I was down here. He introduced himself. We talked about our States. He had all kinds of seniority and amazing qualities, I was nothing and he came to see me. I am sorry, but you don't forget things such as that. It says something about him, which went through his life. That is just the way he was.

From there, a long friendship began. While I believe he looked at me as a friend, I looked to him as so much more than that. He was in a total sense a mentor with sort of a Confucian touch. He was of Japanese heritage, I had an interest in Japan, and he had a way of imparting judgments and wisdom which were in the Eastern method, very subtle. He was not always that way, but he could be, and he was with me.

I learned from him how this Chamber works and how to get things done. I watched the way he did them—not with a heavy fist or sharp words but with thoughtfulness and hard work, a commanding presence, that voice—and genuine relationships, including across the aisle. He believed in action. He believed in getting things done through hard work and through determination. He had very much of an agenda.

DAN, of course, was one of our Nation's ultimate war heroes—not only because of his service and sacrifice but also somebody who stood for his country, even when his country did not immediately stand for him.

DAN's courage and iron will were evident as he fought on the battlefield, taking bullet after bullet, yet continuing to get back up. A tough soldier. He fought for the people of Hawaii every single day that he lived in public service.

His love of his State and every Hawaiian was so abundantly clear through his massive list of accomplishments—an overwhelming list of accomplishments. Since Hawaii became a State, DAN had been working for it as the first Con-

gressman ever elected by the State and only the third Senator. His efforts are clear in his State's roads, bridges, airports, schools, military bases, health care, oceans, and almost every aspect of American life that reached to the Islands. He played a truly momentous role in making Hawaii what it is today.

DAN and I worked together on the Commerce Committee for 27 years. I always felt very close to him. I remember sitting with him quietly, maybe sharing a joke when I was lucky enough to be sitting beside him but most often just listening. He was thinking, waiting for a discussion to ripen. He never once spoke just for the sake of it. Yet when he did speak, watch out.

I watched him a number of times, which I could well recite, when he took an argument that the Commerce Committee had let ripen, and then, through the force of his argument, his quiet demeanor, and that powerful face and his calmness, turned the argument 180 degrees from a yes to a no or from a no to a yes, people simply following the power of his logic and strength.

DAN didn't want us to be in awe of him, but many of us were anyway. His integrity and his authenticity were momentous. He approached policy and public service with a pure heart.

As chairman of the Appropriations Committee—to be succeeded by the wonderful Senator from Maryland—and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he was respected by everybody on both sides of the aisle. He was a task master. He could be tough. He ran a tight and highly disciplined ship but was unfailingly courteous and generous.

I have no doubt that one of the most difficult decisions he ever had to make was to implement the ongoing ban on congressional earmarks. DAN INOUE believed in congressional earmarks, as does the current speaker. He was adamant in his support and the constitutional right of Members to direct investments to their States, but he recognized that his bills had no chance of being enacted into law in the current political climate.

He fought back against draconian funding cuts in the Ryan budget and, in a very partisan environment, moved all 12 of his bills for the 2012 fiscal year. He wasn't inactive. He was always on his game. Just in this lameduck session, he turned a disaster relief request from the President into a finished bill to help so many States and families impacted by Hurricane Sandy. These are large accomplishments.

His family was deeply important to him. It has been wonderful for my wife Sharon and me to see the utter joy that DAN's wife Irene brought to him in these recent years, the happiness she gave him, the twinkle in his eye and the privilege of just getting to know her, a remarkable and strong woman. Our hearts obviously are with Irene and DAN's son Ken now.

DAN's is an awesome legacy and always will be, a legacy of character, of honor, and of service. So I say: DAN, thank you for what you have shared with each of us and for the life of service you gave to this country and your State that you loved so very much.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from West Virginia for his deeply moving and heartfelt sentiments concerning our dear and departed comrade, Senator INOUE, a unique man. Never will the Senate of the United States of America see his like again.

I thank the Senator from West Virginia for his very important and moving tribute.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to bid *aloha* to an extraordinary colleague and a dear friend, Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

I want to first and foremost offer my most sincere condolences to DAN's exceptional wife, Irene, who has been a pillar of unending strength and courage, as well as Ken and Jennifer, both of whom he spoke of with boundless love, and of course, his entire family, as our hearts go out to them during this most difficult time.

On an occasion of such a large and historic loss, finding the appropriate words to capture the immense depth and breadth of this moment, as well as the magnitude of its meaning, represents the most daunting of challenges. As DAN was the most senior Member of this esteemed Chamber, and the second longest serving Senator in its history, every Senator here has never known this institution without him—and so it is difficult to comprehend that these hallowed Halls will never again witness his presence or hear his deliberative, compassionate, and measured approach.

Like all my colleagues, I profoundly admired DAN for his devotion to this country and the steadfast, irrepressible determination that he exhibited day in and day out, as he sought to better our Nation not only for his constituents in

his beloved home State of Hawaii, but for all who called America home. That is who DAN was, and throughout his remarkable life, he placed the highest of premiums on service above self.

He did on the shores of Honolulu when, having heard the clarion call of sirens ringing out across the island as Japanese planes attacked American naval forces at Pearl Harbor, he rushed toward the battle to volunteer as a Red Cross medic. He did on the battlefields in Italy during the Second World War, when having taken sniper fire and enduring a gruesome explosion that would later claim his right arm, he refused to evacuate, pressing forward to neutralize enemy positions so that he could lead his men to safe ground—an act of heroism and valor which later rightfully earned him the Distinguished Service Cross and the Medal of Honor.

Those acts of valor, which spoke to DAN's intrinsic and abiding concern for others, distinguished him throughout his life. In fact, it motivated him at every turn in Congress, where he cared not about scoring political points, but about doing what was right. In times rife with partisanship, he proved the rare exception, bringing to bear his principled voice of reason, as well as his enormous credibility, his gravitas, and his vast experience to rise above the rancorous din that all too often envelops us here in Washington.

Indeed, DAN legislated with uncommon civility and candor, ability and efficacy, as well as the most seriousness of purpose and irrepressible good humor. It is no wonder, then, why the people of Hawaii, since achieving statehood in 1959, have repeatedly and overwhelmingly returned DAN to Congress for over half a century, entrusting him not only to be their voice and their vote, but their champion.

That is precisely what he was—a legislative stalwart and tireless advocate for his beloved home State, fighting fiercely on behalf of his fellow Hawaiians. Whether strengthening vital infrastructure, increasing job training and employment opportunities across the islands, or supporting veterans, he united a workhorse-like legislative craftsmanship with his legendary statesmanship to not only deliver on behalf of Hawaii, but ensure that his State, despite its geographical location, was on the vanguard of modernism.

In fact, I can still well-recall traveling to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan with Senator INOUE and Senator Ted Stevens—who shared a remarkable friendship themselves—as part of a five-member Senate delegation in February 2002, just 4 months after the horrific terrorist attacks

of September 11, 2001. One of the first American delegations to travel to Afghanistan after the tragedy, we consulted with NATO leaders to discuss international support for antiterrorism efforts worldwide and met with President Pervez Musharref of Pakistan and Chairman Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to signal America's commitment to defeating terrorism. DAN was instrumental in these formative post-9/11 efforts in combating the scourge of terrorism.

As we reflect upon his unequaled career, we as a people and as a Nation can find solace in knowing that he has left to us an incredible legacy of service that will not only resonate for generations to come, but that will inspire all of those who are fortunate to follow in his footsteps, just as it has inspired all of us who have had the privilege of serving with him.

Perhaps most important, though, he was indisputably what our forefathers quite likely had in mind when they envisioned a U.S. Senator, and his beloved Aloha State. Indeed our Nation could not have asked for a more eloquent and powerful champion fighting on their behalf. I will most certainly always remember the sincerity and warmth of our conversations and forever treasure our friendship.

As I conclude, today, I remember a powerful statement of Senator INOUE's, which speaks to his unparalleled humility and integrity. Having recently been asked how he hoped history would remember him, he replied, "I represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did okay."

Mr. President, I believe, as do my colleagues, that history will recall Senator INOUE as one of our most distinguished and iconic legislators, and just as he joins the pantheon of exemplary leaders who have shaped our Nation for the better, his memory will, too, forever live on in the collective heart of an eternally grateful Nation. Indeed, the Senate, the State of Hawaii, and the Nation, are immeasurably enhanced by his service.

SUNDAY, *December 30, 2012*

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that tributes to DANNY INOUE, late Senator from Hawaii, be printed as a Senate document, and that Members have until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, to submit said tributes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WEDNESDAY, *January 2, 2013*

Mr. CONRAD: Mr. President, I want to take a moment to honor the life and career of my colleague and friend, Senator DANIEL INOUE, who passed away on Monday, December 17, at the age of 88.

To say that Mr. INOUE lived a full life would be an understatement. A veteran of World War II, Mr. INOUE served his country valiantly in Italy before sustaining an injury that would claim his right arm. The bravery shown by Mr. INOUE during his service to our country later earned him the Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart, a Distinguished Service Cross and ultimately, the Medal of Honor, the highest military award.

Mr. INOUE began his political career after graduating from the University of Hawaii. He then obtained a law degree from one of my alma maters, George Washington University. After first being elected to serve in the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives and later the Territorial Senate, Mr. INOUE became the first person from Hawaii elected to the U.S. House of Representatives after Hawaii became a State in 1959. After serving 3 years in the House, Mr. INOUE was elected to the Senate where he would go on to be elected to serve the people of Hawaii nine times. In June 2010, Mr. INOUE was elected to succeed Senator Robert Byrd as President pro tempore of the Senate.

Throughout his political career, Senator INOUE was first and foremost a servant of the people of Hawaii. He has served them in Congress ever since Hawaii was admitted to the Union. After over five decades of service, it is no wonder that DAN's mark can be seen all across the Islands. I was proud to serve with Senator INOUE on the Indian Affairs Committee, where he was a voice for the Native Hawaiian population. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to ensure that Native Hawaiians had access to education, health care, and jobs. One of his achievements was the Native American Languages Act, which has helped Native people preserve and practice their tribal languages. In particular, during my first term in the Senate, Senator INOUE worked with me in the committee to pass legislation providing compensation for two Indian tribes in my State that

were impacted by the construction of the dams along the Missouri River. That effort provided a critical source of funding for the tribes to restore their economic base.

Senator INOUE also fought hard to defend Hawaii's natural beauty. Because of his efforts, thousands of additional acres have been added to national parks, wildlife refuges, and nature preserves. It would be hard to imagine what Hawaii would be like today without Senator INOUE's leadership and effective representation. His love for the people of Hawaii was on his mind and in his heart even at the end, when the last word he spoke was "*aloha*."

In his role as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. INOUE fought for aid for my home State of North Dakota after devastating, record-breaking floodwaters decimated the community of Minot in 2011. Mr. INOUE used his power to ensure that the residents of Minot received critical aid to help them rebuild their lives.

Mr. INOUE is survived by his wife, Irene Hirano; his son, Ken; and granddaughter, Maggie. His service to his country is second to none. Mr. INOUE will be greatly missed in his home State of Hawaii and here in the Senate.

TUESDAY, *January 22, 2013*

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I deeply miss my friend DANNY INOUE.

DANNY INOUE's passing leaves a huge void in the Senate and for me personally, as I have lost a dear friend, and now being the sole U.S. Senator to have served in World War II is a lonesome post—especially after losing the presence of a Medal of Honor winner.

DANNY was not only a great Senator for his constituents, but also the most popular among his Senate colleagues. He exemplified what it means to serve and represented the very best qualities of our country. Whether in the Army or as Hawaii's Representative in Washington since the State's birth, he worked tirelessly to do right by every Hawaiian and every American.

DANNY volunteered to serve in the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was almost entirely made up of Nisei, or people of Japanese descent born in the United States. Although its members faced discrimination at home and many of their families were in internment camps, the 442nd is widely acknowledged as the most decorated infan-

try unit in the history of the U.S. Army. All of us who served admired the courage and heroism DANNY displayed on the battlefield, especially in San Terenzo, Italy, when 4 days before the war's end, he lost his arm in battle, earning a Purple Heart.

When DANNY first joined the Senate in 1962, World War II veterans were common in our Chamber and, over the past five decades, the Senators who served in World War II have shared a bond that overcame partisan politics. I am now the last of that group and I will continue to look to DANNY's example to bring colleagues together to do what is right for all Americans.

DANNY and I partnered together time and time again on the Appropriations Committee to write legislation that has made America safer and healthier for our families. I will always be especially thankful for his help in crafting relief bills for New Jersey in our times of need after Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. In fact, his last piece of legislation in the Senate was one to provide relief to those affected by Sandy.

Perhaps DANNY's defining quality was this—in a time and profession that increasingly rewards grandstanding and grasping for the spotlight, DANNY served with intelligence, grace, and humility. While he was always a humble and quiet leader, when DANNY spoke other Senators listened closely and took his words to heart. His voice never wavered when it came to advocating for an America that leaves no one behind.

He was a giant in the Senate, and we will never forget the legacy he leaves behind. As the last World War II veteran in the Senate, I promise to always do whatever I can to uphold his commitment to service and love of country.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I am proud to join my colleagues in remembering our friend and colleague Senator DANIEL INOUE. DAN INOUE dedicated his life to Hawaii and represented Hawaii from when it achieved statehood until his death.

Senator INOUE was respected and loved by members of both parties and both Chambers. He was the last Senator to serve with both Everett Dirksen and Richard Russell. Senator INOUE learned early the importance of doing something for the good of the Nation and the good of the Senate, as well as the importance of personal relationships and trust among colleagues. For DAN INOUE, his word was his bond and that applied to Democrats and Republicans alike. He became the

chairman of the Appropriations Committee, the Senate President pro tempore, was the second longest serving Senator in history and served on special committees investigating the Watergate and Iran Contra scandals. At the time of his death, he had long become a Senate giant in his own right.

Long before reaching the Senate, DAN INOUE was an American hero. Enlisting in the Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he served in Europe earning a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Service Cross for helping his fellow soldiers while suffering terrible injuries. Later in life, President Clinton would confer upon him the Medal of Honor.

His moral character and life experiences made Senator INOUE a leader on many of the pressing issues of the day from civil rights to veterans benefits and from health care to helping people with disabilities. Through his position on the Appropriations Committee, Senator INOUE was able to direct funding to important projects and research that helped bring about important advancements as well as simply help people.

DAN INOUE was also a strong supporter of Israel and the Jewish community. From his advocacy on behalf of Holocaust survivors, to his efforts to help free Jews from the former Soviet Union, to his influential role in securing funding for Israel, Senator INOUE was a tireless friend and advocate. He was given the nickname "Trumpeldor" after a Zionist hero, Joseph Trumpeldor.

In closing, I am reminded of a quote used to eulogize Daniel Webster that President Nixon used when eulogizing Everett Dirksen, "Our great men are the common property of the country." Senator INOUE was indeed a great man, and our country is better off today for his commitment, his conscience, and his years of dedicated service.

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MONDAY, *December 17, 2012*

Ms. HIRONO. Our country joins the people of Newtown in their grief and loss.

Tonight, we also mourn the sudden passing of our friend and patriot, Senator INOUE of Hawaii. Senator INOUE loved his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Irene, Ken, Jessica, and little Maggie. Our sympathies also to his hard-working staff.

Senator INOUE loved Hawaii, and his work on behalf of Hawaii is legendary. There is no one person who did more to ensure Hawaii's future than Senator INOUE. He loved his country and received the Medal of Honor in her service.

Senator INOUE never forgot where he came from. I'm proud to say that I represented his dear mother, Kame Inoue, in 1980 when I first ran for the State legislature. I'm proud to count Senator INOUE as my friend since that time. We can best honor Senator INOUE's legacy by continuing to be strong for Hawaii and our country.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague in speaking about how sad we are in the passing of Senator DANIEL INOUE. His passing marks the end of an era but the beginning of a great future built on the legacy he brought to the Congress.

For the people of Hawaii and the country, he was a public servant from start to finish. He was a war hero, earning a Medal of Honor for his actions on the battlefields of World War II before his State was even admitted to the Union. Imagine, being of Japanese American heritage at a time when Japanese Americans were in camps, he was fighting for the freedom that they were not enjoying. He is a true patriot.

He was Hawaii's first Representative in the House, a source of great pride for all Members past and present that we could call him colleague.

Senator INOUE was a patriarch of Hawaii, and all Hawaiians will long remember his unyielding devotion to the economic vitality, progress, and success of his beloved home State.

Senator INOUE led a life of principle, passion, service, and sacrifice. He was the highest ranking Asian American in our country, and he was for a long time. His story—as an Asian American who lived the American dream, a soldier who served with bravery and courage, an elected Representative who served with dignity—reflects the best of America. We only hope it is a comfort to his wife, Irene; his son, Ken, and the entire Inouye family; and his many friends that so many share in their grief at this sad time.

I want to praise him personally but also bring words of comfort to his family from my constituents in California who considered him a very special leader in our country.

PELOSI STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR DANIEL INOUE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi released the following statement tonight on the passing of longtime Hawaii Senator and the Senate's President Pro-Tempore DANIEL INOUE:

Senator DANIEL INOUE's passing marks the end of an era—for the people of Hawaii, the country, and the United States Senate. He was a public servant from start to finish. He was a war hero—earning a Medal of Honor for his actions on the battlefields of World War II before his state was even admitted to the union. He was Hawaii's first Representative in the House, a source of great pride to all Members, past and present.

Senator INOUE was a patriarch of Hawaii, and all Hawaiians will long remember his unyielding devotion to the economic vitality, progress, and success of his beloved home state. He was the second-longest serving Senator in American history, and his fellow Americans will long remember his leadership in protecting our men and women in uniform, strengthening our national security, reaching across the aisle, and investing in a future of prosperity for all. By his actions, he stood firm for the independence of the Congress, the strength of our democracy, and the values of the American people.

Senator INOUE led a life of principle, passion, service, and sacrifice. He was the highest ranking Asian American in our country. His story—as an Asian American who lived the American Dream, a soldier who served with bravery and courage, an elected representative who served with dignity—reflects the best of America. We only hope it is a comfort to his wife Irene, his son Ken, and the entire Inouye family that so many share in their grief at this sad time.

TUESDAY, *December 18, 2012*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. Hirono) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HIRONO. I stand here today to give tribute to my friend, Hawaii's senior Senator—our country's senior Senator—DANIEL K. INOUE. With your passing, my friend, I want to tell you that no one can fill your shoes.

In Hawaii, we jokingly say that there are three economic drivers in our State: tourism, defense, and Senator INOUE. It's true. His work and his unselfishness in serving his State and country are unparalleled.

He served our country during war at a time when people who looked like him were not considered American citizens. He did it and served our country honorably and with respect and with incredible strength and character. He did it because he believed in what our country should and could be. Our country—great; our country—about service; our country—about our children and our future; our country—honorable. His personal legacy in my home State of Hawaii could and will never be matched. Never.

Hawaii, we will never be able to thank Senator INOUE for his service and what he has done for us. It is too great to put into words, and it cannot be done in a 5-minute tribute.

What I want to give my *aloha* and thanks to Senator INOUE for, is bigger than all of us: for his commitment to serve and protect our brave men and women who fight for our country, for his dedication and willingness to work in a bipartisan fashion, for standing up for the ideals of freedom and justice that our country is founded upon, for always standing up for our proud heritage in Hawaii.

Senator INOUE was, as so many have recognized, a genuine patriot, a uniquely proud American, and a man and a leader always true to his word. Senator INOUE was also an architect and a builder. Half a century ago, he had an architect's vision of the Hawaii we inherit from him today. Over his many decades of service, he displayed a builder's skill—pouring the foundation of the modern and vibrant Hawaii that we inherit from him today. That is his legacy.

So the greatest tribute we can pay Senator INOUE is to acquire his vision, to apply his skills and build on the remarkable foundation he laid for us.

I know this is the tribute that I will pay to my friend. I know this is the tribute that the people of Hawaii will pay to Senator INOUE. Hawaii drew incredible strength from the life and service of DAN INOUE, and it is that very strength—strength of purpose and strength of character—that will keep Hawaii and our country strong for years to come.

The Senator INOUE I knew and loved, and that we all loved and respected, would expect this of Hawaii and us, and we will not let him down.

Mr. GARAMENDI. ... Many things have happened over the last several days. We've got the fiscal cliff, but we've also had not only the retirement of very special people in the lives of the House of Representatives and the Senate, but also the recent death of Senator INOUE, which marks the passage of the generation that fought in World War II.

I've been asked, and I'll gladly yield whatever time our colleague, Colleen Hanabusa of Hawaii, would like to take in memory of an extraordinary Senator.

I had the pleasure of working with him in the mid-1990s when I was the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We were working on the Native Hawaiian lands issues. He was a remarkable individual, one who not only understood the intricacies of that very complex situation, but also had enormous passion for the Native Hawaiians.

So tonight I yield whatever time she might want to take to Colleen Hanabusa, our colleague from the great State of Hawaii.

Ms. HANABUSA. Thank you very much to the gentleman from California.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary person who has shaped and defined what my home State, Hawaii, is today, a State which is unique and as special as the person I honor.

The person I rise to honor is DANIEL K. INOUE, a person who cannot be described by a single adjective, a person whose accomplishments would cause you to pause and ask, Is this one person? Is this one man? This is a person who was awarded the greatest honor anyone who serves in the military can achieve, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

But it was an honor about 55 years late from a country that questioned his loyalty due to the fact that he was an American of Japanese ancestry; a person who could not get a haircut after being severely wounded and giving his arm in battle because he looked like the enemy; a person who insisted that instead of being bitter, he would dedicate his life to doing all he can to right social inequities and discrimination of all kinds. To do this, he became a part of the Democratic revolution that took control of Hawaii's Territorial Legislature. Remember, back then, Hawaii was run by the

plantation bosses, and it was the Democratic revolution that shifted the power base.

He is also a person who served his Territorial Government, his State, and his Nation for a period of time just short of 60 years; a person who came to Congress and was recognized by his peers to serve and chair various committees, the most recent the Senate Appropriations Committee, along with being President pro tempore and serving on historic investigation committees like Watergate and Iran Contra. Imagine, Mr. Speaker, what he has seen. Imagine more so what brilliance and skills he possessed to serve so effectively for all these years. He has left such a mark on Hawaii.

Hawaii is the home of the Pacific Command. There is no question in my mind that the pivot to Asia-Pacific is possible because of his vision, a vision shared by the President; a vision which is made possible by the Senator's strong commitment to entities such as the East-West Center and his placement of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii so that the whole Pacific benefits.

Hawaii's military importance goes without saying, as the investments made to Pearl Harbor, the Pacific Missile Range Facility, PACOM, Schofield, Hickam, Kaneohe Marine Corps, Pohakuloa, just to name a few, were all part of his plan on how to stabilize Hawaii's economy and this Nation and the world.

The Senator recognized that the future for Hawaii is getting off our dependence on fossil fuels, a conversation, by the way, that we had at the last delegation meeting which he chaired where he made it very clear that this was his priority. He was, as you can expect, already ahead of everyone because he had been funding research and development in this area for years.

He also knew that education was critical to our success and insisted on ensuring that the University of Hawaii be the land, sea, and space grant institution that it is—one of the few institutions that has all three designations.

But the person I will miss the most is the man who always said "Just call me DAN." to whomever he met. It didn't matter who it was. It was "just call me DAN."—the person who shared stories about the values he was raised with, which I think was his way of giving us a glimpse of what he was made of.

At his 88th birthday party—88 is a very significant birthday, especially among the Japanese community—he shared the story of his father and a carp—yes, the fish, carp. His

father told him to be like a carp, fighting as hard as you can as the carp did, but when it was time to die, you died with dignity.

The Senator did exactly that, but then you would expect nothing less from the person of whom no one word can describe, a person who did not want buildings named after him. He just wanted to be remembered as someone who represented the people of Hawaii honestly and to the best of his ability. When asked for his assessment of how he did, he just basically said, "I think I did okay."

Senator, if what you did is just "okay," the rest of us are failing because not one of us can measure up to your standard of okay.

Mr. Speaker, you have no idea how we in Hawaii are so anxious because we do not know how to make up for our loss. We will not have him, Senator INOUE, to rely upon to make things okay. The Senator said "*aloha*" as his last word.

We can only say "*aloha*" and "*mahalo*" to you, Senator, and to Irene, Kenny, and Maggie for sharing him with us.

Mr. GARAMENDI. The eulogy that was just given is most appropriate. There are men and women of extraordinary talent that have served in this Capitol, and certainly, Senator INOUE fits that. . . .

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Senator DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii. Senator INOUE was an extraordinary leader, family man, and American hero. He leaves behind his wife Irene and son Ken, as well as countless friends and constituents who mourn his passing. He was 88.

Senator INOUE served nobly in World War II and was awarded a Medal of Honor. He then continued to devote his life to our Nation and the State of Hawaii by becoming the State's first Congressman as well as a nine-term Senator. He was eventually appointed to the prestigious position of chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and in his work he was always mindful of strengthening our national security and fulfilling our promises to our veterans. Many of my constituents have family and friends in Hawaii, and I know they all directly benefited from his hard work and commitment to the values of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, Senator INOUE was a model of integrity, courage, and bipartisanship. His presence will be sorely missed, but I know his memory will inspire our leaders in years to come. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his fam-

ily and loved ones. I hope they find some comfort in knowing the incredible legacy he leaves behind in hearts across the Nation.

WEDNESDAY, *December 19, 2012*

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 624

In the Senate of the United States, December 18 (legislative day, December 17), 2012.

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE served the people of the State of Hawaii for over 58 years in the Territorial House of Representatives, the Territorial Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE became the first Japanese American to serve in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE represented the State of Hawaii in Congress from before the time that Hawaii became a State in 1959 until 2012;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE served as the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense, the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, Chairman of the Democratic Steering Committee, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Chairman of the Rules Committee, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition, and Secretary of the Democratic Conference;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE delivered the keynote address at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in which he expressed a vision for a more inclusionary Nation and famously declared “this is our country”;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE served as a medical volunteer at the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, and volunteered to be part of the all Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II at a time when Japanese Americans were being systematically discriminated against by the Nation he volunteered to defend;

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE was wounded in battle and honorably discharged as a Captain with a Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster, and 12 other medals and citations; and

Whereas Senator DANIEL K. INOUE was awarded the Medal of Honor by President William J. Clinton in June 2000, along with 21 other Asian-American veterans of World War II for their actions during the war: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret of the death of the Honorable DANIEL K. INOUE, Senator from the State of Hawaii;

(2) the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased; and

(3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 64

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation by DANIEL K. INOUE, a Senator from the State of Hawaii and formerly a Representative from that State, his remains be permitted to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol on December 20, 2012, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 839

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) receives with profound sorrow the news of the death of the Honorable DANIEL K. INOUE, a Senator from the State of Hawaii;

(2) authorizes the Speaker to appoint such Members as he may designate to serve with members of the Senate as a committee to represent the House in attendance at the funeral of the Senator;

(3) directs the Clerk to communicate this resolution to the Senate and transmit a copy to the family of the Senator; and

(4) when it adjourns today, does so as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Senator.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Hawaii is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, my State of Hawaii and our Nation lost a truly great man, Senator

DANIEL K. INOUE. He began serving our country when he was only 17 years old, joining the Army after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

At that time, many questioned the patriotism of people who looked like him, but for Senator INOUE that was precisely why he joined the service. He was a true patriot. He loved this country and was willing to do whatever he could to defend it. In fact, he lost his arm charging a series of machine gun nests on a hill on San Terenzo, Italy, on April 21, 1945. His heroic actions rightly earned him the Medal of Honor.

He was the embodiment of the Greatest Generation: courage, sacrifice, humility, and love of country. It's why the commitment to serve and protect those who fight for our country has always been one he took personally. It's why he always stood up for the ideals of freedom and justice that our country is founded upon, because he saw first hand what happens when we don't. It's why he was always proud to stand up for our heritage in Hawaii.

The truth is, Senator INOUE deeply loved our beautiful State of Hawaii. Half a century ago, he had a vision of the Hawaii we inherit from him today. Over his many decades of service, he displayed a builder's skill, pouring the foundation of the modern and vibrant Hawaii that is his legacy. So the greatest tribute we can pay Senator INOUE is to acquire his vision, apply his skills, and build on the remarkable foundation he laid for us, from strengthening our schools and university to building our roads and bridges.

Just today, our State marked another milestone led by Senator INOUE. We signed a full funding grant agreement with the U.S. Government for our Oahu rail project. This was a project championed by Senator INOUE through many years, through many ups and downs.

The Senator saw the future of Hawaii often before others did; and when he saw something that was going to better the lives of the people in Hawaii, he always fought for it. This is probably one of the things he will be remembered for the most, his tenacity in fighting for the people of Hawaii and for doing what is right.

While he may have been a fierce competitor, he was always a gentle spirit. In a Washington that, at times, is so torn apart by partisanship, DAN INOUE always worked to defuse that situation and bring us together. He understood that words mattered as much as actions, and he always worked to elevate the debate.

He stood by his friends, no matter their political stripes. It's why we've all heard from people on both sides of the aisle, and some who are speaking today, who are so saddened by his death and by what our country lost this week.

I received a message from our good friend and brother, Eni Faleomavaega from American Samoa. He is traveling overseas and asked that I mention his deep condolences to the people of Hawaii.

Eni, like so many, calls Senator INOUE a mentor. He taught us all lessons we'll never forget. Simply put, Senator INOUE was an extraordinary person, a giant in the Senate, who accomplished so much for the people of Hawaii and our Nation. It is now up to us to carry on that work, to realize his vision, to draw upon his strength, his strength of purpose and strength of character, to do what is right.

I know the people of Hawaii join me today in pledging to do just that.

Aloha, Senator INOUE. . . .

I would now like to yield as much time as he consumes to my colleague from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Kili Sablan.

Mr. SABLON. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to express my deepest condolences to the people of Hawaii for their loss of a great Senator and a great American. I would not be here today standing in the well of the House if not for Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

This beloved leader did so much for many Americans, for so many people of the Pacific, as we are hearing tonight. He touched the lives of so many individuals, including my own life.

In 1986, Senator INOUE gave me the opportunity to work as a fellow in his office here at the Capitol. Senator INOUE had established a program to bring young men and women from the Pacific Islands to Washington to learn about Congress and the U.S. Government. We came from American Samoa and from the Northern Mariana Islands, my home.

What an opportunity Senator INOUE gave us. What an eye-opening experience to see Congress at work. What an education to watch up close this distinguished man of the Senate, by turns dignified, gracious, good humored, principled, quiet, and when called to defend the forgotten, fierce, fierce and formidable. I was inspired.

Seeing what an elected official could be, what he could do to bring justice to this world, I dared to dream of one day

doing the same. The Northern Mariana Islands did not even have a seat in Congress in 1986. That did not happen until 23 years later. But throughout those 23 years, I held that dream deep in my heart, the dream that Senator DANIEL INOUE planted that some day I could represent my people as I had seen him represent the people of Hawaii and America.

I will admit that dream did not always burn brightly. There were times when I did not tend the flame. But when the day came that Congress granted a seat to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, that flame roared to life. That inspiration that DANIEL K. INOUE had lit in my heart, fed by the ideals that he had instilled in me those many years ago, the ideal that we're all equals in this great country, as citizens and as individuals, and that, against all odds, we can overcome poverty, we can overcome prejudice, we can overcome terrible physical injury and survive stronger than ever. We can survive and prevail if we believe in the inherent decency and goodness of America, as Senator DANIEL K. INOUE believed—if we are not afraid to dream.

And so I dreamt, inspired by this man, aided by the opportunity he once gave to me. And tonight, Mr. Speaker, I stand here in the well of this hallowed Chamber to say thank you to DANIEL K. INOUE.

Thank you, Senator INOUE, for showing me the way here. Thank you, sir, for showing us all what it means to be a true Member of Congress. Thank you, and good night. Rest well. We shall always remember you.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I now yield such time as he may consume to my good friend from Alaska, Congressman Don Young.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. I thank the good lady for yielding.

This is a solemn moment. The gentleman from the Mariana Islands just gave a presentation. I would like to think Senator INOUE and I played a role in making sure he could stand on this floor and give that presentation.

DANNY INOUE, the Senator from Hawaii—actually, he was the third Senator from Alaska. And excuse me, DANNY, for saying this; I don't want to call you Senator at this time, but just DANNY. He was always able to reach across the aisle and solve problems of the noncontiguous States with my friend, Senator Stevens. Hand-in-hand, two veterans. One lost an arm and one flew 36 missions over the Hump. Together, they were one, they were brothers, and they said that

so many times—brothers in arms, brothers in supporting two noncontiguous States, brothers in solving problems for people across the aisle.

I didn't serve with DANNY, but I knew him well because he was a friend of my people, the Alaskan Natives. In fact, we had him 2 years ago at the AFN convention speaking to the need and necessity for the Hawaiian Natives to be recognized as the Alaskan Natives were.

He was an icon—a person who could work together. And he was—think about this—a young man who was Japanese. He was not in an internment camp. He volunteered for the America that he loved. He loved and served and lost, but he always won. He did that by reaching the one arm he had left in his hand and shaking that hand and saying, "Let's do it together. Let's work together. Let's not have the animosity, the rancor that's occurring today."

In fact, when I think about it a moment, I think, DANNY, God bless you. You're in heaven. Hawaii is better off. Alaska is better off. But if we don't change our ways, you would be terribly disappointed. You would not be happy with the way things are happening in this Congress, including the U.S. Senate.

And so, DANNY, I will tell you one thing. You have Alaskans—especially my wife, my children, and my grandchildren—who thank you for the efforts you put forth to take the aboriginal people and bring them into the mainstream of life, with the help of Senator Ted Stevens.

So God bless you, DANNY, Senator from Hawaii, and the third Senator for the State of Alaska.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to my friend from California, Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

Ms. MATSUI. I would like to thank my friend, the gentlelady from Hawaii, for organizing this time for all of us to honor DANIEL INOUE.

It's with heavy heart that I rise here today in support of this resolution honoring the late Senator INOUE. On December 17, our country lost a beloved leader, an American hero, and a man I was honored to call my friend.

Rising to become the most senior Member of the U.S. Senate, Senator INOUE will be remembered, not only for his distinguished record as a legislator, but also for his heroism on the battlefield. Senator INOUE served his country on the battlefields of Europe during World War II and earned the

Nation's highest honor for military valor, the Medal of Honor.

As a soldier, Senator INOUE fought for the lives of American citizens back home to protect his fellow servicemen and also for the ideals our country stands for: equality, justice, and freedom. When he joined politics, the only thing that changed was his battlefield.

Senator INOUE was a giant in Congress who demonstrated his strong love for his country and belief in American ideals with every action he took. He was a man who stood by his convictions and fought for what he believed and was never afraid to reach across the aisle and look for bipartisan solutions to some of our Nation's most pressing problems. While his presence was certainly strongly felt here in the Capitol, he remained accessible to and was loved, not only by his constituents in Hawaii, but across this country.

When I put the word out to my California constituents that Senator INOUE had passed away and that Congress had lost one of its greatest leaders, I received an outpouring of comments from my constituents expressing their sorrow and sharing stories of ways that Senator INOUE had touched their lives. Even in my district of Sacramento, California, Senator INOUE was well known, well respected, and well loved.

As the highest serving Asian American in our country's history, Senator INOUE was a true inspiration to the Asian American community.

As a Member of Congress, my late husband, Bob Matsui, worked closely with Senator INOUE on the movement for Japanese American redress and reparations. Together with colleagues, they helped secure a formal Government apology for innocent Japanese Americans who were victims of one of our country's darkest moments.

It will be impossible to find a stronger voice for our Nation's veterans than Senator INOUE. He was instrumental in getting the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to several military units from World War II, units composed almost entirely of persons of Japanese ancestry who exhibited exceptional bravery on the battlefield while their own families were in internment camps here at home.

Earlier this year, I worked closely with Senator INOUE to ensure that the Congressional Gold Medal toured the country so everyone could have the opportunity to learn about the bravery and heroism of these veterans.

This is the type of man Senator INOUE was. He was a man who, up to the very end, worked tirelessly to bring recognition to those who deserve it the most.

Senator INOUE devoted his life to serving his country. He was an inspiration and a role model—a real role model—an example of what every public servant should strive to be.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Irene, his son Ken, and their family, and especially to his granddaughter Maggie, whom we will make sure hears about the stories of her grandfather.

On a personal level, when my husband passed away some 8 years ago, I recall how generous and sincere DAN INOUE was toward me and my family during those difficult days. I know this is a difficult time, but it is my sincere hope that there is some comfort in knowing that his legacy of remarkable service and dedication to our country, his love of country, will live on for generations to come. He was truly a giant.

Ms. HIRONO. I would now like to yield such time as she may consume to my friend from California (Ms. Chu).

Ms. CHU. Earlier this week, our country lost a valiant war hero and one of the greatest statesmen of our time with the passing of Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

Senator INOUE was an inspirational leader and a true American patriot in every sense of the word. In fact, it's hard to think of the State of Hawaii without DANIEL INOUE. Since the moment Hawaii gained statehood in 1959 he has represented the Aloha State in Congress and ensured that Hawaii and others in the Pacific region have access to resources and facilities that many on the continental United States take for granted.

Even though he was labeled an enemy alien during World War II, he made the decision to enlist in the Japanese American "Go for Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He fought bravely, even as thousands of Japanese Americans were unjustly placed in internment camps at home. In one terrible battle in Italy, he led an assault against a heavily defended ridge. Germans shot at him with machine guns, destroying his right arm. Despite that, he was still able to destroy the German bunker. His bravery earned him the Medal of Honor and the Congressional Gold Medal, and for that alone he will always be remembered as a true American hero.

Senator INOUE's service to our country extends far beyond World War II. He was a trailblazer in politics when there were few Asian Americans. He rose through the ranks, becoming the chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and the President pro temp of the U.S. Senate, and became our highest ranking Asian American politician. He broke barriers and paved the way for countless Asian American and Pacific Islanders in public service. In my role as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I truly valued his guidance as a founder and longtime executive board member of our caucus. He was a tireless advocate for both the people of Hawaii and the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

All of us who had the honor to know and learn from him will dearly miss his leadership and the honor and integrity that he brought to the job. My heart goes out to his wife, Irene Inouye, his son, Daniel Ken Inouye, Jr., and the many family, friends, colleagues, and constituents for their tremendous loss.

So *aloha*, Senator INOUE. Thank you for your lifetime of service. While your passing has left us with a great void, we know that your legacy will continue to live on in the many accomplishments you leave behind and in the generations you've inspired through your service to our country.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I now yield such time as she may consume to my friend and colleague from Hawaii, Congresswoman Hanabusa.

Ms. HANABUSA. Thank you to my colleague from Hawaii for doing this.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 839, which relates to the death of the Honorable DANIEL K. INOUE, Senator from the State of Hawaii. I know that as the most senior Member of the U.S. Senate, as the Appropriations chair, and as a true war hero, Senator INOUE will be remembered in Washington, in Hawaii, and across the Nation. Tomorrow, he will be given one of the highest honors of anyone in this country, and that is to be able to lie in state in this Capitol. For me, the passing strikes deeper because he was also my mentor and a dear friend.

I had the honor of having lunch with Senator INOUE just before he went into the hospital, and we discussed many things. Know that his love and concern for Hawaii and for America never wavered. He never stopped thinking about how things could be made better, who we could help, and

what we could accomplish. He was, of course, a force to be reckoned with, and as I said at the time I just couldn't think about Hawaii without Senator INOUE.

Since his passing, statements like the Congressman from Alaska just made about the Senator being their third Senator have been made by other Congressmen to me as well, so you know that his impact was felt very deeply throughout this country.

As long as Hawaii has been a State, DAN INOUE served us in Washington—"us" meaning the people of Hawaii. For most people in Hawaii, he was always there, as dependable as the sunrise, yet he was never proud, never acted as though he was better than the people he represented.

I can tell you from personal experience that it is just impossible to be an elected official in Hawaii without being in awe of DANIEL K. INOUE, someone who served so long, accomplished so much, and yet made it seem so effortless.

Hawaii was and is a grassroots State. You need to get out there with the people, share their activities, eat their food—now, that's really critical—laugh at their jokes. And there was DAN INOUE, the war hero, recipient of the Medal of Honor, U.S. Senator, an iconic force in Hawaii's history and politics, and he just fit right in. We, the people of Hawaii, can spot a phony a mile away, and we loved him because we knew he was the real thing. He was genuine.

So here was the most senior Member of the Senate, chair of the Appropriations Committee, President pro temp, and third in line to the succession to the Presidency, but in his heart he was no different than that kid growing up in Territorial Hawaii, not wearing shoes until he got to high school—by the way, not wearing shoes we called going *hadashi* in Hawaii—who volunteered just out of high school to serve his country in war. I think that's why, when he ran for reelection, his bumper stickers didn't say Senator INOUE, or DANIEL K. INOUE, they just said DAN.

I still remember his political poster when I began to recognize political posters, solid black with DAN, his signature, in yellow. Simple, yet strong, as he was. I didn't know at that time the significance of the colors. Those were the colors of his alma mater, McKinley High School, again, a statement that he never forgot where he came from.

For me, knowing DAN INOUE and learning from him, that down-to-earth nature was a very special thing. When he shared his insights about serving the people who elected us and doing what is right for Hawaii and America, I knew it

was coming from his heart. Not just that what he was doing was advising to show the true love for the people he served, but also that he was sharing these insights with me because he cared enough about me to pass on the lessons.

He genuinely wanted me to do better. Quietly, with that great smile and that beautiful, resonant voice, he gave that gift of his experience and his wisdom. He was a man of such accomplishment and power who was also unbelievably generous of himself.

I will never forget that gift from my friend, DAN INOUE. For the next few days, as we say goodbye to a genuine hero, a champion of Hawaii, a political icon, I hope, Mr. Speaker, you will join us in remembering a wonderful man and pass this resolution so that we may all say, “*Aloha*, DAN, *mahalo*, and thank you.”

Ms. HIRONO. I now yield such time as he may consume to my good friend from California, Congressman Mike Honda.

Mr. HONDA. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I, too, rise today with a heavy heart to honor and to remember Senator DAN INOUE.

On December 17, 2012, the State of Hawaii, our Nation, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and all champions of social justice and change lost our Polaris, our guiding light, our guiding star—Senator DANIEL K. INOUE. I’m deeply saddened by the passing of my dear friend who has been a hero to us all, his *ohana*.

From his service on the battlefields of World War II—we mentioned a Medal of Honor—to the Senate floor, in serving the Aloha State in Congress since it achieved statehood in 1959 and rising to become the highest ranking Asian Pacific Islander in our Nation’s history, his impact on our lives and our community is immeasurable and unparalleled.

The Senator has had a deep sense and reflected a deep sense of dignity in spite of any kinds of situations that may surround him, a quiet calm of strength even in the battlefields to the Halls of Congress.

We know that during the time of Watergate, he was slighted and insulted through a racial slur, but he did not exchange one for another. He just reflected his quiet strength and dignity by not responding at all. The rest of the country did for him. As he went through the Watergate process, he showed that he could serve and deal with justice with an

even hand. And with that, he showed that this country can deal with all kinds of problems that it faces.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator INOUE worked across the aisle to ensure that the needs of the people of Hawaii and the sovereign rights of Native Hawaiians and other indigenous people, as our friend, Don Young, had mentioned, as well as the AA-PI communities, were priorities of this Government.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Senator INOUE played a critical role in making sure that this country understood its behavior toward the Japanese Americans on the mainland and in Hawaii. There was an effort to secure an apology, a recognition of the wrongdoings, and also move forward with the idea of reparations, but it didn't seem as if they were making much progress. He wisely said to leadership of this movement, "Perhaps we need to do a study and a commission to educate and inform the rest of the Members of this body to understand what it is that we are fighting for." And so came about the World War II Commission on Internment. Through the commission study and their gathering information across this country and listening to testimony, from people who were aged to the people who were younger, securing information validating the position of those who were seeking an apology from this Government came the conclusion and the final decision to move forward with the bill, my bill, 442, to rescind Executive Orders 9022 and 9044, and also to make sure that this country understood the reasons for the incarceration and internment of Japanese Americans in this country during 1942.

The conclusion of that commission reflected the wisdom of Senator INOUE. The conclusion of the commission said the reason why internment happened to Americans of Japanese descent was because of war hysteria, racial prejudice, and the failure of political leadership. And to that, it's been always a reminder for me when I listened to him and I watched him work that he would never, ever allow political leadership in this country to ever fail—not on his watch.

Since 1959 when I graduated from high school, I reflected back now, today, of how young he was then and how he stood his ground and guided Alaska and this country through his life and his dedication to public service.

So, Senator INOUE proved to be a very devoted husband and a father. I extend my sincerest condolences to the entire Inouye family.

Senator INOUE's passing may mark an end of an era, I would say, but I would declare and say that his work will continue to impact this country in terms of a continuous attention to *ohana* and to the rights of all people, including aboriginal folks.

He once stated in his fight to protect the Filipino World War II veterans, that heroes should never be forgotten or ignored. He always continued to make sure that those who serve this country were not to be forgotten or ignored.

So, we, as a grateful Nation, will never, ever forget the Senator from Hawaii, a war hero, a servant through his military service, and a servant through his service in the Halls of Congress.

So I say to him, "*Aloha, mahalo.*"

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of my colleagues who came to the floor tonight to share their experiences and thoughts about Senator INOUE, as well as all my other colleagues who express their condolences to Irene Hirano Inouye, his wife; his son, Ken; his daughter-in-law; his granddaughter, Maggie; and all those who have expressed and shared their experiences with Senator INOUE.

This is a man who touched so many lives, not just in Hawaii, but all across the country. We all know at this point what a great Senator he was and all of the good works that he did, but at a time like this, we often hear from just individuals who want to share their very human stories about individual kindnesses that he showed. In fact, one of my colleagues today said, "Did you know that I was at a function where it was raining, and he held an umbrella over my head with his one good arm for an hour?" Or how much he cared about the Hansen's disease patients in Kalaupapa, and he invited them to Oahu to meet with the Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, so that the Secretary could hear from these residents who often did not get to travel very much, who could share with the Secretary their own concerns and to ask for his help, and they were helped.

So it is always a human dimension to what Senator INOUE did that struck me, and he did so in a very quiet way. So we honor him, we thank him, and his last word before he passed on was, "*aloha.*"

Senator, we bid you *aloha*. We love you. *Aloha*.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution allowing Members of Congress to

honor the life of a great American hero and a friend to us all. I want to thank my good friends from Hawaii, Ms. Hirono and Ms. Hanabusa, for their leadership in introducing this resolution.

We have lost a father, a hero, and a true friend. There is no doubt Senator DANIEL K. INOUE was a strong advocate for the people of Hawaii but he was also instrumental in helping the people of American Samoa and all our territories and neighbors in the Pacific. The Samoan people recognized the Senator's passion for the people of the Pacific especially American Samoa by bestowing on him the esteemed chief title, *Fofoga o Samoa*—meaning, the Voice of Samoa.

On the Hill, *Fofoga o Samoa* Senator INOUE was a giant. He was greatly respected not only for his service as a Senator but, importantly, his patience and unique ability to work with both sides of the aisle for many years. Being a Territory and having a small population, it is very difficult to move legislation without having any representation or support in the Senate, and *Fofoga o Samoa* Senator INOUE was always there for American Samoa. He was also a fighter for the rights of Native Hawaiians, ensuring veterans received their benefits, and was a pioneer for all Asian and Pacific Americans.

I remember in early 1990 when I accompanied the Senator on a congressional delegation he led on a Pacific tour that included my district. It was an honor and a privilege accompanying him on this tour because it showed me his deep understanding and care for all of the people in the Pacific. Just as he was a boy who was born and raised in a Territory (Hawaii), he felt it was the right thing to do to help our Territories. This was just a small sample of the Senator's leadership and diligence in recognizing the importance of helping our Territories and the Freely Associated States.

As a former member of the 442nd 100th Battalion, I can only thank the Senator and his comrades for their service and "Go for Broke" attitude which has laid the path for many of the Samoan sons and daughters to serve in our great military force. I am forever grateful for the Senator's service to our Nation and for his love and compassion for the people of American Samoa.

Let us pray that the Lord comfort those who have lost an amazing leader who has touched each and every one of our lives.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reflection and remembrance of the life of Senator DANIEL INOUE.

I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Senator DANIEL INOUE on Monday; his passing marks the end of an era for the people of Hawaii, for the U.S. Senate and Congress, and for the country. A public servant from start to finish, DANIEL INOUE has left a shining, indelible mark on history that will inspire Americans for generations to come.

His story is simply incredible. DANIEL was a medical volunteer during the Pearl Harbor attacks in 1941. Even though the U.S. Army banned people of Japanese descent from enlisting, and even though Executive Order 9066 authorized the internment of roughly 110,000 Japanese Americans, DANIEL INOUE found it within himself to be an American patriot.

Soon after the ban on enlistment was lifted, he abandoned his pre-med studies at the University of Hawaii and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He was a war hero in the truest sense of the term, earning a Medal of Honor for his actions on the battlefields of World War II before his State was even admitted to the Union.

DANIEL INOUE was a lieutenant and platoon leader on the battlefield in Tuscany, Italy, in April 1945. Even after being shot in the stomach by German machine gun fire, he refused medical treatment and still managed to find the courage to destroy two machine gun nests. Nearly losing consciousness from blood loss, he heroically charged a third machine gun nest before having his right arm severed by a German grenade. Somehow, even after these grave injuries, DANIEL INOUE still found a way to toss a grenade that destroyed the third bunker.

He remained a proud member of the military until his honorable discharge as a captain in 1947. He was Hawaii's first Representative in the House, a source of great pride to all Members, past and present.

As Hawaii's first Congressman and, subsequently, as a nine-term Senator, DANIEL INOUE embodied the spirit of *aloha* in his work. Serving as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he worked to strengthen our national security and help veterans access the benefits they've earned.

He was a consistent champion for the interests of Hawaii's people. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Senator INOUE, and my thoughts are with his family and with the people of his beloved Hawaii, who will always remember him for his leadership and his courage. As a Senator, he never forgot his military roots, and has always been a voice for veterans.

Senator INOUE was a patriarch of Hawaii, and all Hawaiians will long remember his unyielding devotion to the economic vitality, progress, and success of his beloved home State. His fellow Americans will long remember his leadership in protecting our men and women in uniform, strengthening our national security, reaching across the aisle, and investing in a future of prosperity for all.

By his actions, he stood firm for the independence of the Congress, the strength of our democracy, and the values of the American people.

I want to extend my condolences to his entire family as they mourn the loss of a great man.

When asked recently how he wanted to be remembered, DANIEL said, quite humbly, "I represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did okay." I think that I speak for us all when I say that this was quite an understatement for a man who accomplished so much and sacrificed so much for this country. And so with heavy hearts, we bid *aloha* to Senator DANIEL INOUE—a man whose chapter in American history will live on.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. . . . Madam Speaker, let me just make a couple of comments to my two colleagues who are going to follow me on this Special Order. They have told me if I talk too long they're going to hit me in the head with a baseball bat, so I'm not going to talk too long tonight. But I do want to say a couple of things.

First of all, let me start off by saying that DANIEL INOUE, Senator INOUE, I never met, but I read in the paper many years ago the exploits of DANIEL INOUE when he was in the military. A Japanese young man whose family was put in a camp during World War II, and he volunteered to go into the military. He became an outstanding member of the military. In Italy there were exploits that he performed that won him the Congressional Medal of Honor. And you don't get that unless you are really an extraordinary human being.

He took out an enemy position, a German position, when he was hit again and again and again. He lost one of his arms, and he just kept going. I wish he were still here today. I called him on the phone when I found out about that, and I told him I had never met him, but I wanted him to know that there were Members of the House who really thought he

was an extraordinary man. And he was, and I'm sure he's going to be missed. . . .

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 839, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 20, 2012, at noon, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable DANIEL K. INOUE.

THURSDAY, *December 20, 2012*

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask today that You bless the Members of the people's House to be the best and most faithful servants of the people they serve.

On this day, Congress honors the life of Senator DANIEL INOUE, who lies in state in the rotunda. He was the first to serve his State in this assembly. He served his country for decades as a true patriot, soldier, legislator, statesman, and gentleman—always thousands of miles from his own home.

Endow the Members of this assembly with a measure of the courage, integrity, and loyalty of such an exemplar of public service.

And may all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Senator INOUE lies in state this morning. But as a young lieutenant platoon leader on a battlefield in Italy, even after being shot in the stomach by German machine-gun fire, he refused medical treatment and still managed to find the courage to destroy two machine-gun posts. Nearly losing consciousness from blood loss, he heroically charged a third machine-gun nest before having his right arm severed by a German grenade. Somehow, even after those grave injuries, DANIEL INOUE still found a way to toss a grenade that destroyed the third bunker.

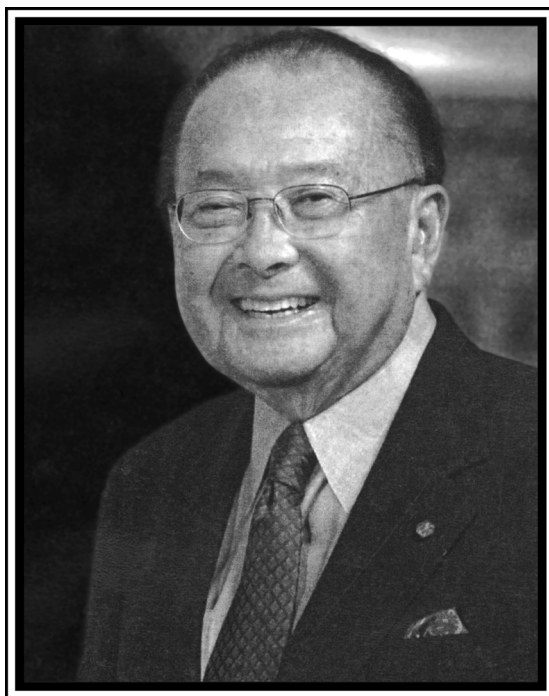
What an American. What a man who loved this country and stood for the values of diversity. He loved the independence of the Congress, and he fought for it in the strength of our democracy and the values of America. His words were: "I represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did okay."

To the Senator and your family, you did more than okay. To the Asian American community in Houston, Texas, and all of Texas, I want you to note this hero spoke volumes for what America is all about, that no matter where we've come from, we can stand equally under the sun.

He thought of that and his beloved Hawaii as his final words, not only in representing Hawaii—"aloha"—but to America.

Senator, we love you, and goodbye. What a great champion, a great warrior for peace, and one who represented all of us so well.





The Honorable

Daniel K. Inouye

President Pro Tempore, United States Senate

September 7, 1924–December 17, 2012

United States Capitol

The Rotunda

Thursday, December 20, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Order of Program

Preceding the Lying in State of Senator Inouye
The Rotunda, United States Capitol
December 20, 2012

Invocation

Dr. Barry C. Black
Chaplain, United States Senate

Remarks

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader, United States Senate

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Vice President of the United States

Presentation of Wreaths

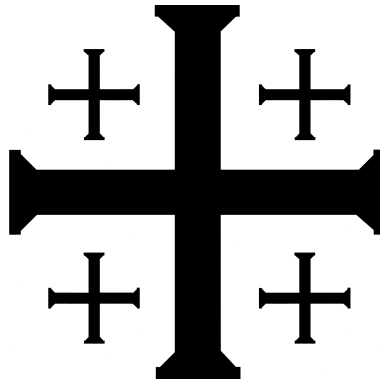
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Benediction

The Reverend Patrick Conroy, S.J.
Chaplain, United States House of Representatives



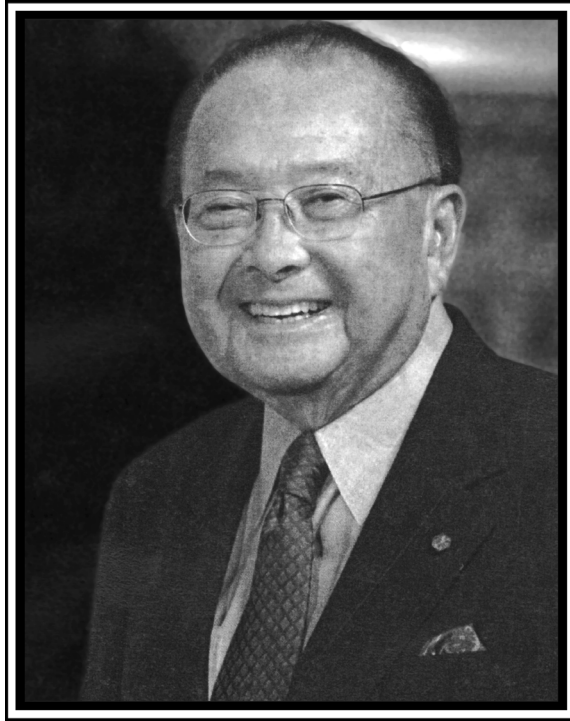
IN CELEBRATION OF AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

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UNITED STATES SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

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1924–2012

The Burial of the Dead

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sonatina BWV 106

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750);
arr. Arie Abbenes (b. 1944)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima; arr. James B. Slater (b. 1927)

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest; arr. Ronald M. Barnes (1927–1997)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

O beautiful for spacious skies

Materna; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Aloha Oe

Queen Liliuokalani (1838–1917); arr. Edward M. Nassor

ORGAN PRELUDE

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach; arr. E. Power Biggs

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in E flat, BWV 552

J.S. Bach

Praeludium in D

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Nimrod, from Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar (1857–1934), arr. Alan Ridout

Sonata No. 4 in B flat

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

I. *Allegro con brio*

II. *Andante religioso*

III. *Allegretto*

IV. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

INTROIT

The Aloha Boys

Kaimana Hila (Diamond Head)

Charles E. King

*The people stand, as they are able, at the tolling of the Bourdon
Bell.*

THE ANTHEM IN PROCESSION

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,

and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

WELCOME

*The Very Reverend Gary Hall
Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

Sung by all.

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord;
over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

THE COLLECT FOR BURIAL

*Bishop Mariann The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Mariann Let us pray.*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day
our brother Daniel. We thank you for giving him to us, his
family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on
our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, con-
sole us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of
eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our
course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with
those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people are seated.

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33

The Honorable Mazie Hirono
United States Senator-elect from Hawai'i

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the LORD will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS

General Eric Shinseki
The Honorable Harry Reid

PSALM 121

chant: Walford Davis

The Cathedral Choir

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

REFLECTION

The Vice President of the United States

THE CHRISTIAN TESTAMENT

Revelation 21:2–7

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
United States Representative from Hawai'i

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Cathedral Choir
And I saw a new heaven Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared, as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1–4

TRIBUTE

The President of the United States

The people stand to sing.

HYMN

Jerusalem, my happy home *Land of Rest*

Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

Our Lady sings Magnificat
with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony
doth ring in every street.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,

God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:37–40

*The Reverend Gina Gilland Campbell
Director of Worship, Washington National Cathedral*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY

Rear Admiral Barry C. Black
Chaplain to the Senate

MEDLEY

The Aloha Boys
Over the Rainbow Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
What a Wonderful World Bob Thiele and George David Weiss
The people stand.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dean Hall Let us join our prayers with those of
the Church Universal saying, each in
our own language, the prayer that
Jesus Christ has taught us.
All **Notre Père, Padre nuestro, Vater
unser,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be
done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Dean Hall

For our brother Daniel, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Daniel, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Dean Hall

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Dean Hall

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Dean Hall

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Dean Hall

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence is kept.

Dean Hall

God of all, we pray to you for Daniel, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All

Amen.

ANTHEM

O beautiful for spacious skies

Materna

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

THE COMMENDATION

Bishop Mariann

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant
with your saints,

All **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Bishop Mariann You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Bishop Mariann Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Daniel. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Bishop Mariann The Lord bless you and keep you.
People **Amen.**

Bishop Mariann The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
People **Amen.**

Bishop Mariann The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Bishop Mariann Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by all.

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Lauda anima*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.
Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.
Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Marche Pontificale Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)
Immediately following the service,
the Washington Ringing Society will attempt a quarter-peal in
celebration of the life of Daniel Ken Inouye.

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The Aloha Boys
Isaac Jesse Waipulani Ho'opi'i, *guitar*
Irv Queja, *bass guitar*
Glen Hirabayashi, *ukulele*
Dr. Edward M. Nassor
Carillonneur, Washington National Cathedral
Cathedral Choir
Canon Michael McCarthy
Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral
Christopher Betts
Organist, Washington National Cathedral
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Washington Ringing Society
Quilla Roth, Ringing Master

General Eric Shinseki. President Obama, Vice President Biden, President Clinton, distinguished Members of the Congress, others who have gathered here today to honor the legacy of DANIEL K. INOUE: This morning we celebrate the life of a well-purposed patriot. An American patriot. A life defined by courage, by service to country, by sacrifice for others. Soldier, Senator, Statesman. But down deep, always a patriot of enormous resolve and principle.

This is a compelling story of what it means to be an American. DAN INOUE had a profound impact on so many lives, including mine. His extraordinary accomplishments are the stuff of legend. Battle-tested in World War II, despite severe wounds, he prevailed in combat, recipient of our Nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor, distinguished Senator from Hawaii, President pro temp of the Senate.

His life also exemplified the qualities most revered by his community: quiet humility, respect for others, standing on principles that mattered, family, service to community. A modest man who was assertive in doing what was right.

When America was plunged into the crucible of World War II, nowhere was the attack on Pearl Harbor more keenly felt than in the Japanese American community. It's difficult today to recall the full intensity of fear, of confusion, of suspicion, of recrimination, even hatred that emerged in the days and weeks and months following that surprise attack 71 years ago. Despite the clear injustice in evicting and relocating so many in the Japanese community, second-generation Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Nisei, demanded the right to defend this country in a time of war, like other American citizens. To our country's credit, their voices were heard, leading to the creation of all-Nisei units, commanded by Caucasian officers. Courage, prowess in battle, trust in one another, and determination made these units legendary. The 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, the MIS: these were not just good units, or unique because of ethnic homogeneity. They were premier fighting units, among the best in U.S. history. The soldiers of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the "Go for Broke," served with such distinction that 21 of them were awarded the Medal of Honor. No other regiment in U.S. history has this distinction, given size and length of service. Their legacy is a drumbeat of loyalty, courage, honor, dedication, and sacrifice.

DAN INOUE served in the 442nd as an infantryman, enlisting in 1943 at age 17. Within a year, he was promoted

to sergeant. His performance in combat led to a battlefield commission to second lieutenant in 1944 at age 20. Less than a year later, while leading his platoon in an attack on enemy machine gun positions, he was grievously wounded and permanently disabled.

His actions on April 21, 1945, in San Terenzo, Italy, were a towering example of strength, stamina, courage, and determination, for which he received 1 of the 21 Medals of Honor awarded to "Go for Broke" soldiers.

DAN INOUE and other Nisei veterans returned from war, having achieved something monumental. Something, as we say, larger than themselves. They sensed that they had earned the right to take larger roles in their communities. They also came home intolerant of views and politics different from their own, a sentiment born of the intolerance they had experienced following Pearl Harbor, but they more keenly felt after the horrors they witnessed in liberating Dachau. They understood the importance of good citizenship, of fair play, hard work, respect for others, and for our flag. I had relatives who, like DAN INOUE, served in these storied units. Characteristic of them all was rarely, if ever, speaking of what they had done in the war. From there, my generation learned to find virtue and humility and the nobility of hard work, the value of family, and the confidence that we in America could achieve anything. They taught us to hope and to dream, and then to do something about it.

DAN INOUE's service helped remove all doubt about the citizenship and loyalty of all Americans of Japanese ancestry. That is the legacy that he and his generation bequeathed to me and mine. It influenced the way I was able to live my life. I would never have had the opportunity to serve as the Chief of Staff of our Army had he and the others not purchased back for me, in blood, my birthright to compete fully, without any question of my loyalty. This morning, I salute a friend who was more than heroic in battle, more than strong in enduring the terrible wounds of war, more than determined in overcoming injustice, and more than generous in sharing his enormous gifts with me and with others. DAN INOUE and the men of these legendary units sacrificed so much to give us all the opportunities we have. There is great comfort for me in these reminders. As we often say, we all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. And I have had the broadest of shoulders to stand on. *Aloha*, Senator. *Aloha*, and *mahalo*. Thank you.

Senate Leader Harry Reid. Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, lovely Irene: as the tragic events of recent days remind us, often when death visits, it comes too soon. A plane crash takes many from us. A baby drowns. Cancer deprives us of a sibling or a friend. An automobile accident steals away a child. Lives are cut short. Dreams are denied. Often, death is so troubling, we ask, "Why? Why him? Why her? Why now?" Although I wish I could answer those questions with authority, often the "why" of death is a mystery.

In the case of Senator DANIEL INOUE, there is no mystery. Although there is sadness, there is no regret. Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verse 2, tells us, "To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under Heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die." It was DANIEL INOUE's time. Senator INOUE lived a full and productive life. He was 88 years old when he died. And he lived each of those 88 years to its fullest. He was a war hero, a decorated soldier who left the innocence of youth and most of his right arm, on an Italian battlefield, where he defended his Nation's freedom, even when that Nation questioned the loyalty of patriots who looked like him. He was a healing hero, an example of the resilience of the human body and human spirit, whose resolve to live a life of service was hardened, not broken, by 21 months recovering from his wounds in an Army hospital in Michigan.

He was a legislative hero, a progressive Democrat who would never hesitate to collaborate with a Republican colleague for the good of his country. In 1968, when the country was riven by racism and divided by war, he calmed the Nation's nerves with an eloquent keynote address before the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

DANIEL INOUE advocated for the rights of all Americans, regardless of the color of their skin or where their parents were born or what their religion was. He was the first chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He served with distinction as the chairman of the Commerce Committee and of the Appropriations Committee. During his time as chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, he turned a formerly neglected committee into a powerful voice for Native populations across this great country. Remarkably, DAN served for more than 34 years with his best friend, the late Republican Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Their friendship, as well as their working relationship, stands as an example of the remarkable things two Senators can accomplish when they set

political party aside. Together they were a formidable force in support of this Nation's fighting men and women, working to ensure our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and guardsmen are the best-trained and best-equipped in the world in times of peace and times of war.

Senator INOUE also served as a member of the Watergate Committee, and as chairman of the special committee investigating the Iran-Contra Affair. Whenever there was a difficult job to do, whenever we needed a noble man to lean on, we always turned to Senator DAN INOUE. So it should come as no surprise that DANNY died as he lived, with great dignity. This is no urban legend. Dr. Monahan, the Capitol physician, said he'd watched people die, but never with such dignity. Irene, his lovely wife, talked about the solemnity of the event. He shook the hands of Chaplain Black, security officers who were there with him, minutes before he passed away, and caressed the family who surrounded him. He thanked the doctors, he thanked the nurses for their care and their attention. He thanked his security detail for their careful protection over the years. DAN INOUE wrote notes detailing his last wishes, minutes before he passed away, working until mere moments before his death. He told his wife, Irene, that he would appreciate my speaking before you today, a gesture that touches my heart more than the words that I can express. Then he said, "*aloha*," and quietly joined the Lord.

He had faced death many times, especially in that awful war that he was fighting in. He would often tell us, on many occasions, that during his life he had just been lucky. He always said, "Just lucky." But DAN INOUE wasn't lucky. DAN INOUE was a blessed man. He had work to do here among us, and he stayed until that work here was done. As we are also told in Ecclesiastes, "There is a time to every purpose," and this was Senator INOUE's time. The 24th Psalm asks us, "Who may ascend of the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?" The question is answered, "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart." That is DANIEL INOUE. A man with a pure heart. A man with clean hands.

During the 1968 convention that I just talked about, DAN taught the Nation that "*aloha*" means not just "hello," not just "goodbye," but it also means, "I love you." "*Aloha*" was DAN's last word on Earth. So I say to my friend DANNY: "*Aloha*. I love you. Goodbye until we meet again."

President Bill Clinton. Irene, Ken, Mr. President, Mr. Vice President: America has just been through some very painful

days. And Mr. President, we are all grateful for giving voice as you have, to our agony. As Senator Reid had said so eloquently, "DAN INOUE lived a full, long life." So it is our great honor to come here to celebrate it.

I am grateful that so many of his colleagues from the Senate and both parties, leaders and Members of the House and the administration and especially the members of the diplomatic corps, have come. Because I hope in this short service we can capture the character and contributions of one of the most remarkable Americans I have ever known.

It is difficult to be in politics and be courageous without being sanctimonious. It is difficult to be a gallant man in politics without seeming pompous. And it is difficult to constantly reach out for common ground without constantly wondering if you have left your principles behind. But DAN INOUE did all this and more.

Those of us who knew him can be grateful for so many things. For Hillary and me, he was first and foremost a friend. An advisor. Something that both of us will cherish forever. I thought I knew a little bit about Hawaii when I had carried the State twice and I went back one day, and he said, "You haven't paid enough attention to the Okinawans. They have a very distinct community here." I said, "Well Senator, what do you think I should do about it?" He said "I know what you're going to do about it. They're having a festival today, and you're going. In 2 hours." And I did.

When Hillary became a Senator, he was so helpful to her in trying to be a responsible member of the Armed Services Committee, because of the concern they had for our national defense. I never will forget it. And if DAN INOUE was your friend, he didn't care whether the sun was shining or the storm was raging. He didn't care if you were up or down or sideways. He was just—there. It is almost impossible to find, now, someone who makes a life in public service who seems, literally every day, to be totally oblivious to whether he gets one line of press coverage. But then, all of a sudden, when the country is down and out, and when we're on the ropes, when we have to be big, whether we are going through the agony of Watergate or Iran-Contra or we have to reorganize the intelligence services, all of these things he did—the speech he gave at Chicago, which Harry referenced, there were people rioting in the streets, kids getting their heads beat in. There was DAN INOUE, telling us what we needed to know.

I am so grateful to him for many things. I am grateful that I had the chance to put around his neck the Medal of Honor, which was given to him and 21 others almost 50 years too late. It meant a lot to me because, as he knew, my Native State had two of those Japanese American internment camps. I was grateful that he never tired of sensing when the moment had come to say what needed to be said.

And so, think of this: 10 years ago this spring, on the Big Island, Senator INOUE gave a commencement speech. Not quite 2 years after 9/11. He talked about the future of America and the nature of American patriotism. A man who had given so much, whose own patriotism could never be questioned, said this, something we should all remember and be grateful to him for:

Patriotism is defined as love and devotion to one's country. But oftentimes it takes as much, if not more courage to speak out against our government. It is that love of country that compels some to speak out and oppose actions. The ability to criticize and question our leaders is at the essence of democracy. If we did not permit dissenting views, and those who confront and bruise our collective conscience, how much longer would we have had slavery? How much longer would the Vietnam war have dragged on? And would Japanese Americans interned during World War II still be awaiting redress? I hope the mistakes made and suffering imposed upon Japanese Americans nearly 60 years ago will not be repeated against Arab Americans, whose loyalties are now being called into question. Their profile is being drawn to resemble what the enemy looks like. Let us not repeat history.

He was a wise and good man. The reason he could be courageous without being sanctimonious, the reason he could be so generous and old-fashionedly gallant without seeming pompous, the reason he could be friends across the aisle and find principled compromise without sacrificing principle is because that is who he was. A whole person, united by his parts. They blew his arm off in World War II. But they never laid a finger on his heart, or his mind. That he gave to us, for 50 years. And that, every single citizen should celebrate.

Vice President Joe Biden. Irene, Patty, Jennifer, Ken, and Jessica: Thank you for the honor of being able to say a few words about a great man who befriended me throughout my whole career.

DAN INOUE. As I was listening to the others speak, I thought about the fact that every high point and low point in my career since I announced for the Senate as a 29-year-old kid, your husband, your father, your brother was there for me. From running an impossible race and coming to Delaware, to being there when I didn't want to come to the Senate, to actually knocking on my door and saying, "If

you're going to run for President, can I be your national chairman?"

The impact that he has had was not just on me, but on my family—Jill and particularly my two boys. DANNY's departure marks the end of an era. It was a generation of men and women referred to as the Greatest Generation who literally transformed America and helped reshape the world. In my view, DANNY may have been the most unique. The most whole. Robert Engersoll could have been talking about DAN INOUE when he said, "When the will defies fear, when duty throws the gauntlet down to fate, when honor scorns to compromise with death, that is heroism." DANNY was a heroic figure in every aspect of his life. As so many have referenced today, and all that has been written about DANNY since he passed, this is a man who had to overcome prejudice against Japanese Americans just for the right to fight for the country that he loved. In the process of doing that, he showed such extraordinary valor and heroism that he was awarded the Medal of Honor. I'm here to tell you that I think his physical courage was matched by his moral courage.

I don't know anyone else who I can say that of, in my personal acquaintance. His physical courage was matched by his moral courage. DANNY demonstrated that neither prejudice at home nor enemy bullets abroad could keep him from reaching his goal, which was always about defending his country, but even more important about making his country a better place. Always a better place. He tackled one of the most vexing problems at home, and the reference was made by me yesterday in the Rotunda and made again today, as a young kid in law school, listening to DANNY's speech at the Democratic National Convention seemed like it was the only voice of reason that broke through this God-awful cloud. He stood there with such absolute confidence and certitude, in the midst of all that was going on. Like what he had to say was just self-evident. How could anybody doubt what he said? He was, in my 36 years in the Senate, more trusted by his colleagues than any man or woman I ever served with.

I remember when the Church committee decided that the intelligence community was out of control. I remember being part of it, as a young kid, because Mike Mansfield just brought me in to keep me engaged, I remember the discussion was, "Well, who the hell would head this new committee?" And it was—there was no discussion! It wasn't, "Maybe we'll have so-and-so." It was DANNY INOUE. No discussion to the best of my recollection. Virtually none!

When it came time to deal with Watergate, it was that inestimable combination of DANNY INOUE, Sam Ervin, and Howard Baker. The only person who there was no discussion about was DAN INOUE. Same with Iran-Contra. And why? Why was it so self-evident to every Member of the Senate that it should be DAN INOUE? One thing: his moral courage. His physical courage reinforced it, but that wasn't the reason. No one ever doubted that DANNY INOUE had such integrity at his core that he would meet any obligation thrust upon him with absolute steadiness and objectivity. I cannot say that about anyone else, and I've served with great women and men, some of whom are here in this magnificent cathedral today.

It was one of the great honors of my lifetime that I got to the Senate young enough and early enough that I could serve with those so-called legends of the Senate, a significant portion of whom were still there. But even among those women and men, they all knew DANNY INOUE possessed that intangible thing that every leader longs to possess. That is that he would never waver from what he thought was right. Pretty astounding.

It was my pleasure just to observe, and in some small way occasionally participate, in the 36 years I served next to DANNY. DANNY's power and influence ultimately lay in his character. As I said, he earned what every man and woman in Congress longed for: the uncompromising respect and admiration of his colleagues. I say to all my colleagues here: can you think of anyone who ever questioned DANNY INOUE's integrity? Even in the midst of the bitterness that has enveloped the Congress over the last several years.

The interesting thing was, there are men who are respected and had great integrity like Mike Mansfield and others, but I know no one who was both as respected and loved as much as DAN INOUE.

Love is a word people throw around very easily these days. When people talked about loving DANNY, they meant it. In the way the average American thinks of love. I doubt there's anyone here who served with DAN INOUE, if a week before he passed away he called you and said, "Can you do the following for me?" I doubt there's a single man or woman who wouldn't have said, "Of course, DANNY. I will."

My mom used to have an expression. She'd say that "What is required to have great character—you are defined by your courage and redeemed by your loyalty." No person I ever served with or knew since I arrived here had more physical

and moral courage or ever exceeded DAN INOUE in his loyalty to those who he respected beyond his family. This may seem like a strange thing to say in this great cathedral: with the exception of my father, and there are great men and women in this chamber right now, there are few people I've ever looked at and said, "I wish I could be more like that man. He's a better man than I am." That's how I looked at DANNY and I told him so. In his characteristic way, he told me my judgment was flawed. But the truth of the matter is there is no one that I ever met like DANNY.

I think the highest compliment a man or woman can give to another man or woman is to look at them and say to their own children, "You see that man? You see that woman? There is not a single character trait they have that I do not wish for you." Over 35 years ago, I told that to my sons. I meant it then and I mean it now. I guess that's why my sons called me immediately, separately from different parts of the world, on hearing of DANNY's passing. They knew him, and most important to them, they knew that he knew them. Think of that. How important it is to them to be able to say, not just "I knew DAN INOUE," but also "he knew me." It's one of the treasures of their lives. "DANNY INOUE knew me." It mattered then, and it matters now. His passing marks the end of an era. We've lost one of the greatest leaders of the Greatest Generation. A man who everyone in this cathedral will miss. A man who taught every one of us something about ourselves that we probably didn't know before we met him.

President Barack Obama. To Irene, Ken, Jennifer, DANNY's friends and former colleagues, it is an extraordinary honor to be here with you in this magnificent place to pay tribute to a man who would probably be wondering what all the fuss is about.

This Tuesday was in many ways a day like any other. The sun rose; the sun set; the great work of our democracy carried on. But in a fundamental sense it was different. It was the first day in many of our lives—certainly my own—that the Halls of the U.S. Congress were not graced by the presence of DANIEL KEN INOUE.

DANNY was elected to the U.S. Senate when I was 2 years old. He had been elected to Congress a couple of years before I was born. He would remain my Senator until I left Hawaii for college.

Now, even though my mother and grandparents took great pride that they had voted for him, I confess that I wasn't

paying much attention to the U.S. Senate at the age of 4 or 5 or 6. It wasn't until I was 11 years old that I recall even learning what a U.S. Senator was, or it registering, at least. It was during my summer vacation with my family—my first trip to what those of us in Hawaii call the Mainland.

So we flew over the ocean, and with my mother, and my grandmother, and my sister, who at the time was 2, we traveled around the country. It was a big trip. We went to Seattle, and we went to Disneyland—which was most important. We traveled to Kansas where my grandmother's family was from, and went to Chicago, and went to Yellowstone. And we took Greyhound buses most of the time, and we rented cars, and we would stay at local motels or Howard Johnsons. If there was a pool at one of these motels, even if it was just tiny, I would be very excited. And the ice machine was exciting, and the vending machine. I was really excited about that.

This is at a time when you didn't have 600 stations and 24 hours' worth of cartoons. So at night, if the television was on, it was what your parents decided to watch. My mother that summer would turn on the television every night during this vacation and watch the Watergate hearings. I can't say that I understood everything that was being discussed, but I knew the issues were important. I knew they spoke in some basic way about who we were and who we might be as Americans.

And so, slowly, during the course of this trip, which lasted about a month, some of this seeped into my head. The person who fascinated me most was this man of Japanese descent with one arm, speaking in this courtly baritone, full of dignity and grace. Maybe he captivated my attention because my mom explained that this was our Senator and that he was upholding what our government was all about. Maybe it was a boyhood fascination with the story of how he had lost his arm in a war. But I think it was more than that.

Now, here I was, a young boy with a white mom, a black father, raised in Indonesia and Hawaii. And I was beginning to sense how fitting into the world might not be as simple as it might seem. So to see this man, this Senator, this powerful, accomplished person who wasn't out of central casting when it came to what you'd think a Senator might look like at the time, and the way he commanded the respect of an entire nation, I think it hinted to me what might be possible in my own life.

This was a man who as a teenager stepped up to serve his country even after his fellow Japanese Americans were declared enemy aliens; a man who believed in America even when its government didn't necessarily believe in him. That meant something to me. It gave me a powerful sense—one that I couldn't put into words—a powerful sense of hope.

As I watched those hearings, listening to DANNY ask all those piercing questions night after night, I learned something else. I learned how our democracy was supposed to work, our government of and by and for the people; that we had a system of government where nobody is above the law, where we have an obligation to hold each other accountable, from the average citizen to the most powerful of leaders, because these things that we stand for, these ideals that we hold dear are bigger than any one person, or party, or politician.

Somehow, nobody communicated that more effectively than DANNY INOUE. You got a sense, as Joe mentioned, of just a fundamental integrity; that he was a proud Democrat, but most important, he was a proud American. Were it not for those two insights planted in my head at the age of 11, in between Disneyland and a trip to Yellowstone, I might never have considered a career in public service. I might not be standing here today.

I think it's fair to say that DANNY INOUE was perhaps my earliest political inspiration. And then, for me to have the privilege of serving with him, to be elected to the U.S. Senate and arrive, and one of my first visits is to go to his office, and for him to greet me as a colleague, and treat me with the same respect that he treated everybody he met, and to sit me down and give me advice about how the Senate worked and then regale me with some stories about wartime and his recovery—stories full of humor, never bitterness, never boastfulness, just matter-of-fact—some of them I must admit a little off color. I couldn't probably repeat them in the cathedral.

DANNY once told his son his service to this country had been for the children, or all the sons and daughters who deserved to grow up in a nation that never questioned their patriotism. "This is my country," he said. Many of us have fought hard for the right to say that. Obviously, Rick Shinseki described what it meant for Japanese Americans, but my point is that when he referred to our sons and daughters he wasn't just talking about Japanese Americans. He was talking about all of us. He was talking about those

who serve today who might have been excluded in the past. He's talking about me.

That's who DANNY was. For him, freedom and dignity were not abstractions. They were values that he had bled for, ideas he had sacrificed for, rights he understood as only someone can who has had them threatened, had them taken away.

The valor that earned him our Nation's highest military decoration—a story so incredible that when you actually read the accounts, you think this—you couldn't make this up. It's like out of an action movie. That valor was so rooted in a deep and abiding love of this country. He believed, as we say in Hawaii that we're a single *ohana*—that we're one family. And he devoted his life to making that family strong.

After experiencing the horror of war himself, DANNY also felt a profound connection to those who followed. It wasn't unusual for him to take time out of his busy schedule to sit down with a veteran or a fellow amputee, trading stories, telling jokes—two heroes, generations apart, sharing an unspoken bond that was forged in battle and tempered in peace. In no small measure because of DANNY's service, our military is, and will always remain, the best in the world, and we recognize our sacred obligation to give our veterans the care they deserve.

Of course, DANNY didn't always take credit for the difference he made. Ever humble, one of the only landmarks that bear his name is a Marine Corps mess hall in Hawaii. When someone asked him how he wanted to be remembered, DANNY said, "I represented the people of Hawaii and this Nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did okay."

DANNY, you were more than okay. You were extraordinary.

It's been mentioned that DANNY ended his convention speech in Chicago in 1968 with the word, "*aloha*." "To some of you who visited us, it may have meant hello," he said, "but to others, it may have meant goodbye. Those of us who've been privileged to live in Hawaii understand *aloha* means I love you."

As someone who has been privileged to live in Hawaii, I know that he embodied the very best of that spirit, the very best of *aloha*. It's fitting it was the last word that DANNY spoke on this Earth. He may have been saying goodbye to us. Maybe he was saying hello to someone waiting on the other side. But it was a final expression most of all of his love for the family and friends that he cared so much about, for the

men and women he was honored to serve with, for the country that held such a special place in his heart.

So we remember a man who inspired all of us with his courage, and moved us with his compassion, that inspired us with his integrity, and who taught so many of us, including a young kid growing up in Hawaii, that America has a place for everyone.

May God bless DANIEL INOUE. And may God grant us more souls like his.

Rear Admiral Barry C. Black. Irene and family, President Obama, Vice President Biden.

I thought that Senator INOUE was indestructible. If I had not been honored to be at his bedside when he died, I still would not believe that he is gone. He was generous to the very end, for he gave me the great gift of instructive closure.

I was with him in Alaska at Senator Stevens' memorial service and, the President mentioned a courtly baritone. He gave one of the most amazing tributes I had ever heard. I made him promise that he would teach me how to speak like that. He said, modestly, "What do you mean, Chaplain?" I said, "I want your eloquence of diction, I want your brilliance of metaphor, I want your poetry of imagination." And he smiled and dismissed my request. So I had the opportunity of reminding him at Walter Reed that he still had unfinished work to do with me. "Please, I still need your help."

I was blessed to be able to hold his hand. I was blessed to be able to recite the Scriptures. The last passage that I recited before he transitioned from time into eternity is a passage with words that have been whispered by more people in trouble, spoken in more hospital rooms, uttered by more dying lips, than perhaps any other words in Scripture—the 23rd Psalm. Irene, you may remember, I was standing behind you.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of mine enemies, you anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The curtain was soon drawn on the life of this great American. I offered a prayer, and as I headed through rush hour traffic trying to get back to the Capitol for a vigil we were having for the Newtown, CT, atrocity, I kept remembering

the words. “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” I found myself asking in the car, “How was it that he was able to walk so confidently through the valley of the shadows of death?” I began to speculate. I thought perhaps he could do it because he had been in that valley before. I heard the story of the silver dollar that saved his life. He was shot, but he had two silver dollars in his pocket. He had been in the shadows before, walking through. Not scurrying, not jogging, not running. With an equanimity of temperament, he could walk through.

But I said, “There has to be more than that.” I continued to drive and I thought perhaps he was able to walk so confidently into the valley of the shadow because he knew there was light in that valley. You can’t have shadows without light. I remembered his Prayer Breakfast speech, only a few weeks ago. How he talked about his faith’s roots. And I knew that he had illumination in that valley.

As the dome of the Senate came into view, it finally dawned on me, why my friend was able to walk so confidently through the valley of shadows. That was because, Irene, he knew he was not alone. This was not a solo walk. “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadows, I will fear no evil for you are with me.” The one who walked with him through that valley had promised, in Matthew 28:20, “Lo, I am with you always.” He promised in Hebrews 13:5, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” He was that light in the valley, that companion in the valley. My good friend was not alone.

He lived the way he died: with grace and dignity. When I reflect on the serenity in which he transitioned from time into eternity, I think of those words of William Cullen Bryant in his immortal “Thanatopsis”:

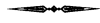
So live, that when your summons comes to join that innumerable caravan,
where each must choose his chamber in the solemn halls of death, go thou
not like the quarry-slave, scourged to his dungeon at night, but, sustained
and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach your grave, as one who wraps
the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

My dear friend Antony had it right. Your life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in you that nature could stand up and say to all the world, “This was a man.” God bless you.



Dan Inouye
1924-2012

Mahalo
from Dan's family



Wife
Irene Hirano Inouye

Son
Daniel Ken Inouye, Jr.

Daughter-in-law
Jessica Carroll Inouye

Granddaughter
Maggie

Stepdaughter
Jennifer Hirano

Daniel K. Inouye—A Life of Service



William McKinley High School, Graduated 1942

U.S Army 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 1943–1947

Medal of Honor

Bronze Star Medal

Purple Heart

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal

World War II Victory Medal

University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Graduated 1950

George Washington University Law School, Graduated 1952

Hawai'i Territorial House of Representatives, 1954–1958

Hawai'i Territorial Senate, 1958–1959

U.S. House of Representatives, 1959–1963

U.S. Senate, 1963–2012

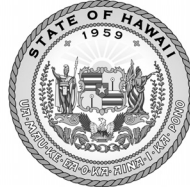
President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, 2010–2012





*"I represented the people of Hawai'i
and this nation honestly
and to the best of my ability.
I think I did OK."*

"Aloha."



*December 22, 2012
5:00 p.m.*

PROGRAM

- The Honorable Brian Schatz, Lt. Governor, Master of Ceremonies*
- Procession*
- National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i, SSgt. Samuel Hesch, 111th Army Band, Hawai'i Army National Guard*
- Invocation, Reverend Kordell Kekoa*
- The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, Senate President*
- The Honorable Calvin Say, House Speaker*
- Danny Boy, Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i*
- The Honorable Mark Recktenwald, Chief Justice*
- The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor*
- Hawai'i Aloha and Aloha 'Oe, SSgt. Samuel Hesch, 111th Army Band, Hawai'i Army National Guard*

December 23, 2012

10:00 a.m.

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

Arrival

National Anthem—*25th Infantry Division Band*

Hawaii Ponoï—*Amy Hanaialii*

Welcome—*Colonel Walter Kaneakua (USAF ret),
Executive Assistant on Military Affairs,
Office of U.S. Senator Inouye*

Queen's Prayer—*Amy Hanaialii*

Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, III

The Honorable Harry Reid, U.S. Senator

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, U.S. Senator

Army Song—*25th Infantry Division Army Band*

Brigadier General James T. Hirai (USA ret)

*Ms. Jennifer Sabas, Chief of Staff,
Office of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye*

Danny Boy—*Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii*

Military Honors

Taps—*The Honorable Jon Tester, U.S. Senator*

Closing

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. President Obama, First Lady Michelle, Governor Abercrombie, Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, now the President pro tempore of the Senate, the most senior Member of the Senate following the death of DANNY, Members of Congress, friends all: It was just a few days ago I spent a full hour with Senator INOUE, in his office. Just the two of us, we talked as if there were many tomorrows. There wouldn't be any tomorrows; the next day, he was taken to the hospital. It surprised us all.

He nor I had no inkling that in 8 days, he would be gone. Our visit wasn't our first, but it would be our last. Oh, in reflection do I cherish that hour. Just the two of us. We were serious—some of the time. We laughed, we discussed our youths, we discussed our service in the Senate. I, as always when we were alone, asked him to talk about the war. Alone, he was willing to share. Publicly, he wasn't. Memories are made of this, memories are really made of moments like this. And like this:

Last Thursday, I received a phone call, that Senator Dole had asked if I would walk over to the Rotunda with him and allow him to give his last respects to Senator INOUE. This tall man, well over 6 feet, Bob Dole is now in a wheelchair most of the time. He and Senator INOUE were soldiers. Both grievously wounded a hill apart, a week apart, in the mountains of Italy. Both were right handed. Both, as a result of that war, lost the use of their right arms. They spent 21 months together at an Army hospital in Michigan. One from Kansas, one from Hawaii, they became friends. They were there learning to live again. As we proceeded to the Rotunda, there was a little alcove just before you get to the Rotunda and Senator Dole wanted to be taken to that alcove and I went there with him. He looked up and said, "DANNY's not going to see me in a wheelchair." And this man got up out of his wheelchair, and even though he needed a little assistance, he walked, and it wasn't a short distance, he walked to that catafalque. That same one that the casket of Abraham Lincoln stood on. And he wasn't satisfied just to be there. He wanted up on that platform so that he could reach his friend of 60 years, DAN INOUE. He got up there. It was a little struggle, but he got up there. Soldier to soldier, with his left hand, he saluted his soldier friend of 60 years. There wasn't a dry eye anyplace in that facility. It's a moment I will never forget.

As the tragic events of recent days remind us, often when death visits, it comes too soon. An airplane crash, a parent

is taken from us in unusual circumstances, cancer deprives us of a sibling or a friend. A baby drowns in a swimming pool. An automobile accident steals away someone else. Lives are cut short, dreams are denied. Often death is troubling, and we ask, "Why? Why him? Why her? Why now?" Although I wish I could answer those questions with authority, I can't. Often the why of death is a mystery.

In the case of Senator DANIEL INOUE, there is no mystery. Although there is sadness, there is no regret. In the Old Testament, in the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verse 2 tells us "To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under Heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die." You see, this was DANIEL INOUE's time. He lived a full and productive life. He was 88 years old, and he lived each of those 88 years to its fullest. He was a war hero, a decorated soldier who left the innocence of youth, and most of his right arm, on an Italian battlefield, where he defended our Nation's freedom, even as that Nation questioned the loyalty of patriots who looked like him. He was a healing hero, an example of the resilience of the human body and the human spirit, whose resolve to live a life of service was hardened, not broken, by those many months recovering from his wounds in an Army hospital in Michigan.

He was really a legislative hero. To that, I can testify. A progressive Democrat who would never hesitate to collaborate with a Republican colleague for the good of the country.

He was also a Hawaiian hero, a champion of this State, its people and its natural beauty. His dedication to building a better Hawaii was unquestionable.

Senator INOUE was often asked by children, especially as he got older, how long it takes to become a good Senator. This is what he said:

You can do it in 2 years. It depends on what you mean by "good." There are some who feel that being good is giving good speeches. But if you're talking about making certain people, your constituents, get what they're entitled to and deserve, well that's another story.

Well by that measure and any other, DANNY was the best Senator among us all.

The trust he built up over five decades in Congress paid dividends for the people of Hawaii, and ensured that they got all they deserved and everything to which they were entitled. Over the course of his Senate career, DANNY steered billions of dollars to Hawaii. That wasn't a mistake: billions of dollars to Hawaii. To improve infrastructure, schools, military bases, and to protect and restore Hawaii's natural beau-

ty. As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, he was in a unique position to ensure the Islands he loved so much were not forgotten in the national discussion.

But it wasn't only the people of Hawaii who turned to DAN INOUE for support. His Nation and his Senate colleagues also relied on him. Whenever there was a difficult job to do, whether it was defending a Senator charged with doing something unethical, it didn't matter what it was, whenever we needed a noble man to lean on, we turned to Senator DAN INOUE. He was fearless. DAN once said, "My biggest challenge is to convince myself that on this day, I did my best." I can't think of a single day during the 30 years that I've known Senator INOUE that he didn't give his best or do everything he could.

So it should come as no surprise that DANNY died as he lived: with great dignity. Minutes before he passed, he shook the hands of friends and caressed family who surrounded him. He thanked the doctors and the nurses for their care and their attention. He thanked his security detail for their careful protection over the years. He wrote notes, not one, he wrote notes, detailing his last wishes. Working until mere moments before he passed. He told his wife, lovely Irene, that he would appreciate my speaking before you today, a gesture that touched my heart more than words can express. Then he said, "*Aloha*," and quietly joined the Lord.

He faced death many times, especially during that awful war. He would often tell us that he had been lucky. Lucky, his whole life. But I don't believe that DAN was lucky at all. DAN INOUE was a blessed man. He had work to do among us, and he stayed until that work was done. The 24th Psalm asks us, "Who may ascend of the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?" It answers, "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart." That's DANIEL INOUE. A man pure of heart, clean of hand.

During his 1968 speech before Chicago's Democratic National Convention, he taught the Nation, taught all of us, that "*aloha*" doesn't just mean "hello," and it doesn't just mean "goodbye." It means, "I love you." *Aloha* was DAN's last word on earth.

So I say to my friend in return: "DANNY, *aloha*. I love you. So long, until we meet again."

Senator Daniel K. Akaka. *Aloha.* Mr. President, First Lady, all of you dignitaries gathered here today, Irene, Ken: be strong. You carry an American hero inside of you. Standing here in this hallowed cemetery, where so many American

heroes are laid to rest, saying goodbye to my friend, my brother, DAN INOUE, is very difficult for me. Today, DAN rejoins his brothers in arms. Those who left for war and never returned. And those tenacious, like DAN, who carried the scars of battle with them through life, but never stopped giving back to our great Nation.

Today we remember *a keiki o ka aina*, a child of these Islands, who achieved greatness. DAN INOUE became one of the most powerful and respected lawmakers in history. His lifetime of service is celebrated around the world. He was a shining star of the Greatest Generation. DAN embodied Hawaii. His love of culture and traditions was instilled by his mother, who was adopted by a Native Hawaiian family. As you know, we call that *hanai*. DAN was a Hawaiian at heart. Dan's "go for broke" attitude was noted on this Island of Oahu. A product of President William McKinley High School, he stepped forward to defend our country at a time that same Nation was mistreating his fellow Japanese Americans. His heroism in battle was celebrated with the Medal of Honor.

After the war, the GI bill helped him earn a degree from the University of Hawaii. He went on to break so many barriers. He opened doors and made it possible for minorities like me, and later like President Obama and so many others to serve at the highest levels. He shot all the way to the top of the Senate, becoming the Senate President pro tempore, just to make sure that the ceiling was completely demolished. *Mahalo nui loa*, DAN.

I treasure the time I spent with DAN during my 36 years in Congress. I expected him to be there long after I retired. It is hard to believe he will no longer be seen in a Capitol office, working for Hawaii, supporting our troops, fighting for justice. DAN INOUE's legacy is not only the loving family he leaves behind. It can be seen on every part of every island in this place we call Hawaii. DAN is a part of every community health clinic, every national park, every airport, every harbor, every military base, every veterans cemetery. DAN INOUE is Hawaii, and Hawaii is DAN INOUE.

Ken, you gave him his dream of being a grandfather. We talked about some of these when we had the chance, and when Maggie was born, DAN joked that you, Ken, finally figured out how to do it. She lit up his life. Some day, Maggie will watch this service and know what a special person her grandfather was, and how much he meant to all of us, and how much he loved her.

Mahalo nui loa DAN, for your lifetime of service to Hawaii and our great Nation. God bless you on your journey after this life. My brother, *aloha 'oe a hui hou*.

Brigadier General James T. Hirai. Mr. President, Mrs. Obama, Irene, Ken and family, friends, Admiral and Mrs. Locklear: *Aloha*. I was asked to provide a perspective on Senator INOUE's legacy, a soldier's perspective. It is within the broader context of his amazing life and all he accomplished and the many ways that he made our lives better, our Nation stronger, and more compassionate.

When I was in high school, my mother would recommend books for me to read that included hints at her aspirations for me as an adult. When she recommended Senator INOUE's autobiography, "Journey to Washington," she was, perhaps, hinting to me about becoming a lawyer. I disappointed her, for not the last time, by instead being inspired by his leadership and valor as an infantry soldier.

In my early years in the Army, I witnessed from the very far sideline Senator INOUE's steady progression in importance to the State of Hawaii and to the Nation. I also saw the Senator, as he rose in stature, remaining loyal to his war buddies, his band of brothers. And they to him. When he was with the boys, even as a senior Senator, protocol was set aside. It was them and DANNY. As their ranks thinned, Senator INOUE supported the preservation of their story, the story of the 442nd, the 100th Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service, and their experience during the war and the post-war period. He well understood that theirs was an American story. An American story of overcoming obstacles and finding success and excellence, a story that this country should not forget.

As my Army vantage point moved me slightly closer to more directly observing the Senator's congressional role, I saw how Senator INOUE took his combat experiences to heart in building a professional armed force. There is no aspect of military readiness today that does not have the INOUE mark. The Senator knew that our military needed and deserved world-class combat systems as well as sustainment and repair, realistic training, engagement with other militaries, and capable Reserves and National Guards. Senator INOUE, along with his colleague and friend, Senator Ted Stevens—what a team, what a buddy team—would enable this remarkable transformation. Take a look around this morning. The soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen, active or in reserve, are certainly part of

his legacy. These men and women will be respectfully treated when they leave service as veterans thanks to another great team of Senators, Akaka and INOUE.

Senator INOUE had early awareness of the importance of the Asia Pacific region and Hawaii's unique role in this region. Through many initiatives to promote engagement with other Asia Pacific nations in areas from business and tourism to disaster preparedness and medicine, and with tools such as the University of Hawaii, the East-West Center, and the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, the Senator ensured that Hawaii would be well postured to assist in the renewed national focus on this crucial part of the world.

Senator INOUE's vision was only matched by his ability to courageously overcome challenges. His personal courage in the now legendary battle that earned him the Medal of Honor is well known and will not be forgotten. Not as well known is that he somehow endured, after that wound, a medical evacuation by stretcher that lasted 9 hours. Also not as well known was his experience after the war: while still in the uniform of a U.S. Army Infantry Captain, with his right sleeve pinned, he was denied service in a restaurant in Honolulu. He did not accept that status quo, and he worked to change laws and perceptions so we can live in a nation today that is now much closer to our constitutional ideals.

In that autobiography, Senator INOUE wrote that opportunity awaited those who had the heart and strength to pursue it. Through his personal example, in war and peace, as combat soldier and statesman, he demonstrated time and again he had the heart and strength to pursue those sometimes-limited opportunities. What an inspiration. In all he did as a leader in our Congress, Senator INOUE championed opportunity without caveats. The opportunities that await all of us today are much more secure because of him. What an incredible legacy.

Sir: go for broke.

Jennifer Sabas. It has been my incredible privilege to work for, and with, Senator DAN INOUE for more than 25 years. It has been an amazing living lesson on leadership. His only instruction: to make life better for everyday people. So simple, yet oftentimes very difficult. I had many hours to reflect, on the long plane ride home, about the last 6 days. I had the bittersweet honor of accompanying Irene to bring our Senator home.

Senator INOUE left us on Monday, December 17, in the same way in which he lived his life: in control, peacefully

calm, and, believe me, giving out instructions until the very end. As our Leader mentioned, his last act was to call in the medical staff at Walter Reed to thank them for their incredible and heroic efforts. He said, "*aloha*," and went on to a better place.

It reminded me of a story that he would often tell us about his father taking him to Chinatown to buy a koi, or a carp. They went to Chinatown, they picked out the fish, they put it in a big burlap bag and returned home. Then they put it in a big bucket of water. And the koi would thrash and splash water all over young DAN, violently attempting to elude capture. But once his father was able to catch the fish and put it on the cutting board, the koi lay very still. Our beloved Senator fought gallantly to overcome his health challenges over these last 6 months. He fought like a warrior. But when it was time, he went like the koi: with discipline and dignity.

His Senate colleagues and House colleagues paid him the greatest tribute by unanimously passing a joint resolution on Tuesday, December 18, to allow his body to lie in state in the Rotunda of our Nation's Capital. He is 1 of only 32 Americans to receive this high honor. His casket lay on the wooden foundation that was made for President Abraham Lincoln. Just think about it: this young boy from Mo'ili'ili, who was deemed an enemy alien by his country, went on to receive the Medal of Honor from President Clinton and then to become the President pro tempore of the Senate, and he lay on the same foundation made for the President who abolished the most egregious and reprehensible form of racial discrimination which nearly severed our Nation.

Mr. President, your comments at the National Cathedral were beautiful. Your comments about our generation definitely hit a chord. Similar to you—I'm a little younger—I was about a year old when DAN INOUE became Hawaii's Senator. Our generation, and every generation that has followed, has only known life with Senator INOUE. If there was a problem: "Let's call Senator DAN." If there was an opportunity to be seized, "Let's call Senator DAN." Even if you actually didn't call, you always knew that you could. It didn't matter if you were rich or poor, Democrat or Republican, or from which island you came. The people of Hawaii had DAN INOUE on speed dial. More often than not, DAN delivered. In so many ways, he was our security blanket. Hawaii is grieving a monumental loss. There is sorrow, there is despair, and there is a fear about our future without him.

I am reminded of comments that were so kindly and personally made to Irene the day after the Senator passed by Vice President Biden and Leader Reid. They both said very similar things. That “DAN encouraged me to do things, pursue things I didn’t think I could do. He was confident in me, at times, more than I was of myself. Then, he supported me every step of the way.” As I thought about it, the Senator has done exactly that for the more than 100 men and women, many of whom are here today, who were fortunate enough to call him simply, and affectionately, “Boss.” He also infused a similar confidence in the countless business, government, and community leaders throughout Hawaii: that they were good enough, they were smart enough, and tough enough to compete and to be successful.

So I say to you, this is our turn, Hawaii. To step forward and to demonstrate that we have been paying attention, and we have been listening to his lifetime lesson on leadership and humanity. Because you know he is watching us right now. My friends, this is DAN INOUE’s legacy. It is not simply all the stuff that he delivered for 50 years. It is also that fighting spirit, that risk-taking confidence, ever-filled with hope that he has infused in all of us. So let us pick up the baton that he has laid at our feet and carry forward in his name and for our beloved Hawaii. *Aloha*, Boss. *A hui hou*, until we meet again.

December 23, 2012

2:00 p.m.

Harris United Methodist Church

Prelude

Welcome / Invocation

Rev. Dr. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner

The Lord's Prayer

*Rufino-Dan Magliba and
Peter Boylan*

Moments of Reflection

*Jeff Watanabe
Ken Inouye
Walter Dods*

Musical Tribute

Kaimana Hila by Holunape

Moments of Reflection

*Mayor Billy Kenoï and
Mayor-Elect Kirk Caldwell
Jennifer Sabas*

Musical Tribute

*Somewhere Over the
Rainbow by Holunape*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner

Postlude

*Fellowship to follow at
Miyama Hall*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

December 27, 2012

1:00 p.m.

Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium

<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Skylark Rossetti, Mistress of Ceremonies</i>
<i>National Anthem & Hawaii Pono</i>	<i>Cindy Intendencia</i>
<i>Ekolu Mea Nui</i>	<i>The Honorable Malama Solomon, State Senator</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Kahu Daniel “Kaniela” Akaka, Jr.</i>
<i>Testimonials</i>	<i>Dwight Takamine, Director, Hawaii State Department of Labor</i> <i>Barry Taniguchi, CEO, KTA Super Stores</i> <i>Herbert “Monty” Richards, Chairman, Kahua Ranch, Ltd.</i>
<i>Danny Boy & Kaimana Hila</i>	<i>Mark Yamanaka & Friends</i>
<i>Testimonials</i>	<i>Kaiu Kimura, Director, Imiloa Astronomy Center</i> <i>The Honorable Billy Kenoi, Mayor, County of Hawaii</i>
<i>Somewhere Over the Rain- bow</i>	<i>Mark Yamanaka & Friends</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Kahu Daniel “Kaniela” Akaka, Jr.</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Skylark Rossetti</i>

December 28, 2012

5:00 p.m.

Kaua‘i War Memorial Convention Center

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Shirley Iha</i>
<i>Welcome / Processional</i>	<i>Mattie Yoshioka</i>
<i>National Anthem & Hawai‘i Pono‘i</i>	<i>Keola Alalem Worthington</i>
	<i>Shelly Koerte</i>
	<i>Joni Keamoi</i>
	<i>DJ Yaris</i>
<i>Opening Remarks</i>	<i>Dave Kane</i>
<i>Lord’s Prayer</i>	<i>Chipper Wichman</i>
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>Keola Alalem Worthington</i>
	<i>Shelly Koerte</i>
	<i>Joni Keamoi</i>
	<i>DJ Yaris</i>
<i>Moments of Reflection</i>	<i>Gladys Okada</i>
	<i>Charles and Derek Kawakami</i>
<i>Over the Rainbow</i>	<i>Aldrine Guerrero</i>
<i>Moments of Reflection</i>	<i>Captain Nicholas Mongillo</i>
	<i>Ron Sakoda</i>
	<i>Mayor Bernard Carvalho</i>
<i>Aloha ‘Oe</i>	<i>Mayor Bernard Carvalho</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Dave Kane</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Mattie Yoshioka</i>

December 29, 2012

10:00 a.m.

**Maui Arts and Cultural Center
Castle Theater**

Oli	<i>Royal Order of Kamehameha</i>
God Bless America	<i>Uluwehi Guerrero</i>
Welcome	<i>Tony Takitani</i>
Prayer	<i>Kahu Kealahou Alika</i>
Amazing Grace	<i>Uluwehi Guerrero</i>
	<i>Gale Wisehart</i>
	<i>Choir</i>
<i>Moments of Reflection</i>	<i>Mayor Alan Arakawa</i>
	<i>Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui</i>
	<i>Speaker Emeritus Joe Souki</i>
Kaimana Hila	<i>Mele: Ron Kualaa</i>
	<i>Hula: Tori Hulali Canha</i>
<i>Moments of Reflection</i>	<i>Councilmember Riki Hokama, Lanai</i>
	<i>Chair Colette Machado,</i> <i>Office of Hawaiian Affairs,</i> <i>Molokai & Lanai</i>
	<i>Chancellor Clyde Sakamoto,</i> <i>University of Hawaii, Maui</i> <i>College</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Kahu Kealahou Alika</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Tony Takitani</i>
Danny Boy	<i>Willie K</i>

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