



Proclamation

Born into a family with a long tradition of public service, Chief Judge James S. Burns has continued this legacy and proudly served the people of Hawai'i on the First Circuit Court and the Intermediate Court of Appeals for nearly 30 years.

The son of former Governor John A. Burns and Army Nurses Corps nurse Beatrice Burns, Judge Burns was born in Honolulu and attended St. Louis College, now St. Louis School, before continuing his education at Benedictine College and Villanova Law School. Following his admission to the Hawai'i State Bar, Judge Burns served our nation honorably in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1962 through 1964 at Schofield Barracks, Hawai'i, and then entered private legal practice while continuing to serve as a Captain in the Hawai'i National Guard for the following 12 years.

In 1977, Judge Burns began his public service on the bench as a First Circuit Court Judge, and on April 18, 1980, then-Governor George Ariyoshi nominated him as an Associate Judge for the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Two years later, Judge Burns became Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and has served in this position for nearly 25 years.

During the last three decades, Judge Burns has listened to hundreds of cases and published more than 450 opinions. Moreover, he is credited with helping to stabilize and define the role of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, as this court was established only two years prior to his appointment.

Judge Burns has also remained active in the Honolulu community, and has served as President of the St. Louis Alumni Association, 'Ahahui Koa Anuenue, Wai'alae Country Club, American Inns of Court - Hawai'i Chapter and American Judicature Society - Hawai'i Chapter. He is also a member of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and American Bar Association, and has served as Director of the Friends of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Pacific War Memorial Association and Judiciary History Center.

April 18 of this year marks Judge Burns' retirement from the State Judiciary, and his distinguished career will be celebrated at an open house.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 18, 2007**, as

JAMES S. BURNS DAY

in Hawai'i, and thank this outstanding citizen for his many years of outstanding public service.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of April 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i