



Proclamation

Throughout his life, Thomas K. Kaulukukui, Sr. made many significant contributions to the State of Hawai'i and touched the lives of many citizens.

As the first member of his family to attend college, Tommy distinguished himself as a football player at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH). He lettered in five different sports, was the first athlete in school history to be selected as an All-American and was inducted into UH's Circle of Honor in 1982. Tommy was also a charter member of the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame.

This passion for football extended beyond his playing career, as he became the head coach at UH and later 'Iolani School, influencing hundreds of young men. Tommy was also instrumental in bringing Pop Warner youth football to Hawai'i, which provided an opportunity for children throughout the state to learn the game and participate in athletics.

Moreover, Tommy was dedicated to serving our nation and state. During World War II, he honorably served as an officer in a work battalion and as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 1959, he received a presidential appointment to serve the public as a U.S. Marshal.

After retiring from the U.S. Marshal Service in 1978, Tommy successfully ran in the first Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) election, and served as one of the first nine OHA trustees. He was known as a calming and unifying influence who often brought opposing sides together. Tommy served in this capacity for 12 years, and along with his fellow trustees, helped lay the foundation for OHA to become the organization it is today.

Above all, Thomas Kaulukukui, Sr. was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who will be remembered for his devotion to his family and service to his community.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim March 20, 2007, as

THOMAS K. KAULUKUKUI, SR. DAY

in Hawai'i, and do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai'i State flag to half-staff on all state and county buildings from sunrise to sunset in honor and memory of this outstanding citizen.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i