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June 8, 2021

Colonel Ronald P. Han, Jr.  
Department of Defense, Office of  
Veterans' Service  
459 Patterson Road  
E-Wing, Room 1-A103  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1522

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-90,  
which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii,  
on June 4, 2021.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy L. Kaohu".

KATHY L. KAOHU  
County Clerk

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Enclosure

# Resolution

No. 21-90

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE NISEI SOLDIERS FOR THEIR  
SELFLESS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES AND CONGRATULATING  
THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THE UNVEILING OF THE “GO FOR  
BROKE SOLDIERS” COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2021, the United States Postal Service issued the commemorative “Go for Broke Soldiers” forever stamp to honor America’s Nisei soldiers, with the unveiling ceremony on June 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, second-generation sons and daughters of Japanese immigrants who were born and educated in the United States, known as Nisei, served loyally in the U.S. military during World War II and fought bravely against enemies abroad for equality and justice at home; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to their respective homes, including Maui County, many Nisei veterans became elected officials, labor leaders, business leaders, homebuilders, educators, coaches, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the selfless contributions of the Nisei soldiers on the battlefield and after the war embodied their “Go For Broke” spirit; and

WHEREAS, the stamp’s illustration of a Nisei soldier is based on a photo of Shiroku “Whitey” Yamamoto, who was born in Ninole, a community on Hawai‘i Island, and served as a member of the Anti-Tank Company of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Team; and

WHEREAS, the “Stamp our Story” initiative started in 2005 by three Japanese American women who worked relentlessly to garner support over a 15-year period as they received bipartisan endorsements with a petition signed by more than 90 Members of Congress, three governors, seven state legislative bodies, numerous mayors and local officials, and many family and friends; and

WHEREAS, because of the tremendous work of the “Stamp Our Story” founders—Fusa Takahashi, Aiko O. King, and Chiz Ohira—the legacy of the Nisei soldiers and their contributions during and after the war will always be remembered; and

WHEREAS, we will always be grateful to Mr. Yamamoto and all of the 33,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who served with dignity and fought for their country in World War II, seeking a better future for their families and descendants and their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Nisei soldiers provide us with exemplary role models for perseverance and aloha, and it is our responsibility to ensure their story is told with the ganbari spirit—the desire to strive and persevere—in our pursuit for equality and justice for all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:


1. That it honors the legacy of the Nisei soldiers for their selfless service to the United States, recognizes their contributions to Maui County, and congratulates them and their families on the unveiling of the “Go for Broke Soldiers” commemorative stamp; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Deidre Tegarden, Executive Director, Nisei Veterans Memorial Center; Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; B.J. Bueno, Chair, Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee; Colonel Ronald P. Han Jr., Director, Office of Veterans’ Services, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii; Sergio S. Chao, Director, Honolulu Regional Office, United States Department of Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai‘i; the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Senator; and the Honorable Kaiali‘i Kahele, United States Representative.



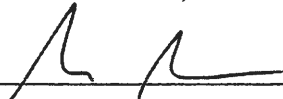
Alice L. Lee, Chair



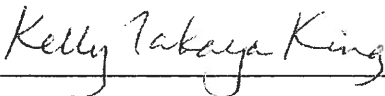
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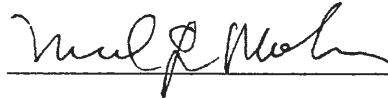
Tasha Kama, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore



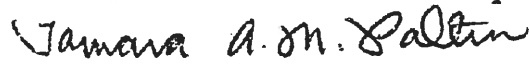
Gabe Johnson, Councilmember



Kelly Takaya King, Councilmember



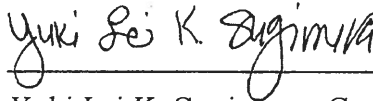
Michael J. Molina, Councilmember



Tamara Paltin, Councilmember



Shane M. Sinenci, Councilmember



Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Councilmember

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

**WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793**

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 21-90 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 4th day of June 2021, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	Gabe JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



*Kathy R. Klohn*

COUNTY CLERK