



- In Memoriam -

Former State Representative Yoshito Takamine

WHEREAS, Representative Yoshito Takamine was born on June 24, 1924, the third of fourteen children born and raised on a sugar plantation in Hakalau, Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yoshito Takamine graduated from Honoka'a High School in 1944 and went to work for the former Honoka'a Sugar Company, becoming a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and later a business agent for the ILWU in 1950. He retired as a union division director in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yoshito Takamine was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives in 1958 and continued in the State House of Representatives, where he served as chairman of the Committee for Labor and Employment Problems until 1973, the chairman of the Committee for Employment Opportunities and Labor Relations until 1981 and as a committee chair of Agriculture until his retirement in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yoshito Takamine authored and supported bills passing through the Legislature that would protect and advance the interests of Hawai'i's working people such as minimum wage, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, temporary disability insurance, collective bargaining, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the landmark Hawai'i Prepaid Health Care Act in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yoshito Takamine is survived by his wife, Kimiko; sons, Dwight and Delbert; daughters, Arlene Hashimoto, Melanie Fergerstrom and Karleen Kaohimaunu; brothers, Yoshinobu, Robert and Takeshi; sisters, Yaeko Tamayose, Sueko Kakazu and Yemiko Lum; fifteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and extended family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Takamine *'ohana* on the passing of a husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend; and as a mark of respect for the memory of former State Representative Yoshito Takamine, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the National Flag and Hawai'i State Flag be flown at half-staff at all state offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise to sunset on November 20, 2015.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of November 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i