

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 - 6

REMEMBERING KUPUNA WILLIAM KALIKOLEHUA PĀNUI AND RECOGNIZING HIM FOR HIS LIFETIME OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL AS A HAWAIIAN CULTURAL RESOURCE FOR OUR LĀHUI

WHEREAS, William Kalikolehua Pānui was born on November 16, 1928, and raised by his grandparents, Louis Kauanoekauikalikokahalaopuna Pānui and Annie Kahalulu Kauhi-Pānui at Ke‘ei, Kona; and

WHEREAS, he was a descendant of Kekūhaupi‘o, the teacher of Kamehameha, he served as warrior in the Korean and Vietnam wars; and

WHEREAS, he raised his family in Kāne‘ohe: sons, William Jr. and Ellery, and daughters, Bonnie and Julie; and

WHEREAS, he worked for Hawaiian Dredging, O‘ahu Transit Service, Servco Hawai‘i, and The Kamehameha Schools; and

WHEREAS, he was a man who loved the Lord, he served as deacon, Bible School teacher, and in other positions at Kawaiaha‘o Church in Honolulu and at Kahikolu Church in his beloved Ke‘ei; and

WHEREAS, he was the last native speaker of Ke‘ei, he used his knowledge to teach his beloved Hawaiian language to others, to translate and index Hawaiian language newspaper and documents, and to compose mele, one of his many compositions, “Ke Alaula,” having won a Nā Hōkū Hanohano award; and

WHEREAS, he was the family genealogist, historian, and kahu of Ke‘ei and Nāpo‘opo‘o and was a sought-after cultural consultant and lecturer at Kamehameha and for the University of Hawai‘i as he was a kupuna who lived his culture; and

WHEREAS, he taught slack-key guitar and Hawaiian music at the Hawaiian Music Association’s Hālau Mele held at St. Louis High School, Kalaepōhaku, and advised many entertainers and kumu hula; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifetime and charter member of Kuini Pi‘olani Hawaiian Civic Club and a member of the ‘Ahahui ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind loved ones to continue his legacy: his wife, Namahana; brother, Kunia Kamealoha; his children named above; mo‘opuna; numerous God- and hānai children, and mo‘opuna.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of ‘Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani, this 4th day of November 2017, remembering Kupuna William Kalikolehua Pānui and recognizing him for his lifetime of knowledge and skill as a Hawaiian cultural resource for our lāhui; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of William Kalikolehua Pānui, ‘Ahahui ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of ‘Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani on the 4th day of November 2017, at the 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.

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