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H. RES. 1470

Honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished career of Chief Justice
William S. Richardson.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2010

Mr. DJOU (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished career
of Chief Justice William S. Richardson.

Whereas William S. Richardson was born on December 22,
1919, and spent most of his childhood in Palama and
Kaimuki;

Whereas William S. Richardson was born to a working class
family of Hawaiian, Chinese, and Caucasian ancestry;

Whereas William S. Richardson served as a platoon leader in
the United States Army during World War II and was
later inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School
Hall of Fame;

Whereas William S. Richardson served as Lieutenant Gov-
ernor of Hawaii from 1962–1966;

Whereas William S. Richardson led the Hawaii Democratic Party from 1956–1962;

Whereas William S. Richardson served as the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court from 1966–1982;

Whereas the William S. Richardson School of Law honors his leadership by opening educational and professional avenues for the Islands’ most disadvantaged groups;

Whereas William S. Richardson upheld traditional Hawaiian laws and expanded public rights for Native Hawaiians and all people in Hawaii;

Whereas as William S. Richardson was awarded the Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association; and

Whereas, on June 21, 2010, at the age of 90, William S. Richardson passed away in Honolulu, Hawaii: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the life, achievements, and distin-
3 guished career of Chief Justice William S. Richard-
4 son;

5 (2) emphasizes that, among his judicial accom-
6 plishments, Chief Justice William S. Richardson
7 changed the face of higher education in Hawaii by
8 opening avenues for the Islands’ most disadvantaged
9 groups and by building a more equitable society for
10 the people of Hawaii; and

11 (3) recognizes the William S. Richardson School
12 of Law, the educational institution that bears his

- 1 name, as a significant part of the legacy of William
- 2 S. Richardson.

