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Kaho‘olawe and Senator Daniel Inouye

(Hakioawa, Kaho‘olawe) The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana is grateful to Senator Daniel Ken Inouye for his contributions leading to the return and healing of Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe.

The following Mele Kupuna, Ancestral Chant, was composed in 1992 to honor Senator Inouye and pay homage to his ancestors. It was chanted by Kika Nohara for Senator Inouye to enter and sit upon the Mua Ha‘i Kūpuna, Kahualele (Monument in Honor of the Ancestors) on the bluff at Hakioawa during *E Kaho ‘olawe, E Ho ‘omau ana hou i ka Maui Ola*, the August 1992 ceremony of healing for Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe.

NO KANIELA KEN INOUYE

by Pualani Kanaka‘ole Kanahale

‘O ‘oe kā, ‘o Ken Inouye	So you are indeed Ken Inouye
Ke keikikāne a Hyotaro lāua ‘o Kame	Child of Hyotaro and Kame
‘O Hyotaro ke keikikāne a Asakichi lāua ‘o Moyo	Hyotaro was the son of Asakichi and Moyo
‘O Asakichi ke keikikāne o Wasaburo	Asakichi was the son of Wasaburo
‘O Kaniela kou inoa baibala	Daniel is your biblical name
‘O Kaniela ke kauwa a ke Akua a me ka lehulehu	Daniel was a servant of the Lord and the people
‘O ‘oe pū ke kauwa a ka lehulehu	So you are also a servant of the people
Na Hawai‘i i ho‘ouna iā ‘oe i Wakinekona	Hawai‘i has sent you to Washington
Lilo o Kenekoa	You became a Senator
He koa ‘oe i ke kauhōlo‘oko‘a ‘elua	You were also a warrior in World War II
Ua ho‘opakele no na‘e ‘oe i nā hoa kaua	Who saved your war companions
Eō mai e ka hiwahiwa o nā kūpuna o Yokoyama!	Answer, favorite progeny of the ancestors of Yokoyama!

On October 22, 1990 President George Bush ordered the halt to all ordnance delivery exercises on Kaho‘olawe. Later that year, when Senator Inouye, then-Congressman Daniel K. Akaka, and others passed the military appropriations, it was with the provision that none of the military monies could be spent on ordnance-related exercises on Kaho‘olawe. They also set up the Kaho‘olawe

Island Conveyance Commission (KICC) to make recommendations to the U.S. Congress as to the future use of the island.

The ceremony in Hakioawa on August 16, 1992 brought together kūpuna from each island and major decision-makers. Over ‘awa, each leader pledged to do all in his or her power to protect and heal the island for the future. Included were U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Congressman Neil Abercrombie, Governor John Waihe‘e, III, with his young son, John Waihe‘e, IV, and Hawai‘i Senator Mālama Solomon; and OHA Trustees A. Frenchy DeSoto, Thomas Kaulukukui and Abraham Aiona. Senator Daniel Akaka and Congresswoman Patsy Mink sent representatives.

The recommendations of the KICC and the commitments made at this healing ceremony led to the return of Kaho‘olawe to the people of Hawai‘i in May 1994. Senator Inouye secured \$400 million over the next 10 years for clean-up and remediation.

Mahalo Senator Daniel K. Inouye for your contributions to heal Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe.

Aloha a hui hou . . . until we meet again upon the pathway to Kahiki Moe.

*Formed in 1976, the vision of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana is Aloha ‘Āina.
Its mission is to promote Aloha ‘Āina throughout the islands through cultural, educational and spiritual activities that heal and revitalize the cultural and natural resources on Kaho‘olawe.*

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