

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 05-17

COMMENDING STATE SENATOR SAMUEL M. SLOM FOR 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (ASUH) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 11,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, the ASUH advocates for the undergraduate student body by bringing issues to the university administration, faculty, staff, community groups and government officials in the hopes of implementing change and improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the ASUH has a history of working with the public servants of the City and County of Honolulu as well as the Hawai'i State Legislature in an effort to bring awareness to issues that concern our respective constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the ASUH supports open door policies, encouraging every person to engage in effective dialogue, leading to well informed decisions based on the needs of the undergraduate student body; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a Bachelors of Arts in Government/Economics in 1963¹; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom was elected into the Hawai'i State Senate in 1996 and served as Minority Leader, Floor Leader and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom represented Senate District 9 which includes Hawai'i Kai, Kuli'ou'ou, Niu, 'Aina Haina, Wai'alaeh-Kahala, and Diamond Head²; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom became the "Lone Ranger" in 2010 becoming the only Republican senator in the State of Hawai'i; and,

WHEREAS, For six years, Samuel M. Slom was the only single-member caucus in any United States legislature, serving on all standing, special, investigational and ad hoc committees; and,

¹ <http://votesmart.org/candidate/biography/14789/sam-slom>

² <http://www.senatorsamslom.com/index.html>

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom continuously stood for his ideological political beliefs even amidst strong opposition³, and;

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom initiated the Senate Minority Alternative budget which emphasizes the need to reduce the rising cost of living for Hawai‘i’s working families, improve Hawai‘i’s deteriorating business environment, make government less expensive and more effective⁴; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to lower the high cost of living, Samuel M. Slom introduced multiple Jones Act reform resolutions, advocating for an exemption for Hawai‘i, Alaska, Puerto Rico and Guam from the U.S. built provision of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2016 the ASUH passed Senate Resolution 17-16, a resolution that supported the passage of SCR 113 which was introduced by Samuel M. Slom requesting Hawai‘i to be exempt from the U.S. built requirement of the Jones Act; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom held an open door policy, encouraging open and transparent discussion among his constituents so that he could make informed decisions gathered from their collective input⁵; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom maintained transparency by actively following his votes with explanations of his decision and reason; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Slom offers his personal contact information to the public in an effort to remain accessible and transparent, allowing anyone at any time to voice any concerns; and,

WHEREAS, as of November 8th, 2016, Samuel M. Slom completed 20 years of service in the Hawai‘i State Senate thus far; and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH commends former State Senator Samuel M. Slom for his outstanding commitment to representing his constituents to the best of his ability; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUH supports the principle of open and transparent discussion via listening to the needs of the people to effectively advocate on their behalf; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUH aspires to serve our constituents with the same unwavering commitment and boldness of principles as Samuel M. Slom; and,

³ <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-c1-Hawaii-lone-republican-senator-20140501-m-story.html>

⁴ <https://Hawaiialternativebudget.com/alternative-budget/>

⁵ <http://www.senatorsamslom.com/speaking-out.html>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States Barack Obama, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i David Ige, former Hawai‘i State Senator Sam Slom, the University of Hawai‘i President and UH Mānoa Interim Chancellor David Lassner, the UH Board of Regents Chair Jan Noe Sullivan and Members, Hawai‘i Shippers Council President Michael Hansen, the Grassroot Institute of Hawai‘i, the Honolulu Star Advertiser, and the Ka Leo o Hawai‘i.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 05-17 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice-President Dela Cruz, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Chen, Enriquez, Willis, Senators Chen, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Ho, Honda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Leval, Negrillo, Omokawa, Takagi, Urasaki, Utashiro, Wang [23]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstain(s): [0]

Introducer: Maggie Hinshaw, Treasurer; David Enriquez, Senator-at-Large; Shanda Delos Reyes, Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences; Micah Leval, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences