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Requesting the Governor to proclaim September 7, 2009, as Senator Daniel Inouye Day.

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## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

**WHEREAS** Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye, who was born on September 7, 1924, is a longtime and valued friend of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye stands as the largest figure in public life in the history of the State of Hawaii, having held elective office since before Hawaii attained statehood in 1959; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye has received many military honors for valor, culminating with the Medal of Honor for heroism as a member of the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II, in which he lost his right arm; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye continues to serve his country with distinction as a United States Senator, serving on the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations and championing the concerns of veterans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and American Indians, and safeguarding national defense; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye is the third most senior member of the United

States Senate; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye has sided with Alaska on key issues, such as opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, supporting a national missile defense system, opposing a plan to shut down Eielson Air Force Base, and helping to approve reparations for Aleuts, who, along with Japanese-Americans, suffered when forcibly placed in federal internment camps during World War II; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye has worked closely with and has stood by his friend and fellow World War II veteran, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens--a friendship so strong that each refers to the other as his brother; and

**WHEREAS** Senator Daniel Inouye is sometimes known affectionately as "Alaska's Third Senator";

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to proclaim September 7, 2009, as Senator Daniel Inouye Day, in recognition of Senator Inouye's tireless and selfless service to the country and to Alaska, and to show this state's gratitude to its longtime and valued friend.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Honorable Daniel Inouye and the Honorable Daniel Akaka, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Neil Abercrombie and the Honorable Mazie Hirono, U.S. Representatives, members of the Hawaii delegation in Congress; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; the Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Ted Stevens, former U.S. Senator for Alaska.