Advancing Justice Mourns Loss of Senator Daniel Akaka

Atlanta, Georgia, April 6, 2018 — Asian Americans Advancing Justice mourns the death of Senator Daniel Akaka, who served in the House and Senate for three and a half decades. After being hospitalized for months, he passed away early this morning in Honolulu. He was 93.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice, an affiliation of five civil rights organizations, releases the following statement:

“Senator Akaka was a true inspiration to all of us. He was a powerful advocate for Native Hawaiians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders and served the people of Hawaii with grace and compassion. A strong supporter of veterans, he was also part of the leadership that secured benefits for Filipino World War II veterans. Senator Akaka was a vocal advocate for the investigation into the U.S. treatment of Japanese Latin Americans during World War II. The detention of Hawaiian Japanese Americans and the incarceration of Japanese Americans affected him deeply. Before he served in Congress, he was in the U.S. Army and was a public school teacher.

Senator Akaka was a true champion and lifelong public servant for our communities, and we will always remember his aloha spirit.”

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About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees (“Asian Americans”) in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org.