



Proclamation
Presented to

Toraki Matsumoto
- Old Timers of the Year for 2014 -
Hawai'i JCI Senate/Old Timers

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto served as a Honolulu City Councilmember from 1969 through 1987, representing the North Shore area; as a councilmember he enjoyed great popularity within his district and throughout Honolulu, and he was especially respected for his personal involvement when flooding occurred in the Waialua area; and

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto was very active in the Whitmore community; he served as president of the Whitmore Store, a family-owned grocery store, and as a councilmember helped to secure funds and land so that new Whitmore community gymnasium could be built; and

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto was passionately involved with the Jaycees in Hawai'i, serving as the Wahiawa Chapter Jaycees' President, and continued to the Office of National Director serving the Hawai'i State Jaycees; the Wahiawa Jaycees was one of the initial five charter chapters that started the Hawai'i State Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto, as President of the Wahiawa Jaycees, along with his fellow Jaycee members, won numerous national and local awards for the building of the original school for the Wahiawa Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC); it took the Wahiawa Jaycees three years to complete the project, which was recognized nationally as one of the top Community Service Projects by the United States Jaycees in the early 1960s; today, the Wahiawa ARC Program includes apartments for their clients and classrooms for vocational training; and

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto continued to encourage the Wahiawa Jaycees to make renovations to the ARC school as he was sincerely committed to help young people with mental disabilities; he also assisted the Organization of Retarded Incorporated (ORI), today known as the Opportunities & Resources, Inc., to secure land needed to build its residential buildings, vegetable gardens, and classrooms for trainings; and

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto has remained active in many community organizations in the Waialua and Wahiawa area; he has served as past president of the Wahiawa/Waialua Kumamoto Kenjin Kai, a Japanese cultural club, and as its president Toraki promoted and perpetuated the customs and traditions of the *Issei* generation, through summer picnics, karaoke sessions, and an annual New Year's party; and

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto was also actively involved in the Wahiawa Nikkei Civic Club, which also promotes the preservation of the customs, traditions and history of *Issei* forefathers; the Nikkei Civic Club continues to be active in the Wahiawa and Waialua area today;

WHEREAS, Toraki Matsumoto will be recognized as a "Old Timer of the Year for 2014" at the 2014 Hawai'i JCI Senate/Old Timers Recognition Dinner on January 24, 2014, at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2014, as

"TORAKI MATSUMOTO DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating Mr. Matsumoto for his achievements with the Hawai'i JCI Senate, and recognizing his many contributions to our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of January 2014.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i