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A MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR BRIAN SCHATZ PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF

E Hō Mai Ka 'Ike Edith Kanaka'ole Quarter Commemoration

May 6, 2023

Aloha and welcome to everyone gathered here for the commemoration ceremony of the Edith Kanaka'ole Quarter.

Edith Kanakaʻole was an unwavering advocate for Native Hawaiian culture, and her impact on Hawaiʻi and the world continues to be felt today. As a renowned kumu hula, composer, and community leader, Aunty Edith inspired those around her to practice and uphold these important cultural traditions. Aunty Edith found many ways to give back to her community, assisting in the development of the first Hawaiian language program for public school students and later serving as a Hawaiian studies instructor at the University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo.

The Edith Kanaka'ole Quarter serves to commemorate her many meaningful contributions and accomplishments. By dedicating herself to the preservation of the Hawaiian culture, Aunty Edith has left a lasting impact on not only our state but our country as well.

Mahalo to the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation and the U.S. Mint for honoring the legacy and teachings of Aunty Edith in this new quarter. Best wishes for a successful event.

Mahalo,

Brian Schatz

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