



Name in English: Daniel Kahikina Akaka

Name in Chinese: none

Name in Pinyin: none

Gender: Male

Birth Year: 1924

Birth Place: Honolulu, Hawaii

Profession: United States Senator

Education: Diploma, 1942, Kamehameha School for Boys; Bachelor of Education, 1952, and Master of Education, 1966, University of Hawaii.

Awards: Senator Akaka is the recipient of numerous awards. To name a few, they include: Outstanding Legislator Award granted in 2002 by the Association of the U.S. Army; Stanley Suyat Award granted in 2003 by the Asian American Government Executives Network; Adam Smith Award for Excellence in Economic Education presented in 2005 by the National Council on Economic Education; and Hawaii's Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth granted in 2005 by the State of Hawaii

Contributions: During World War II, Daniel Akaka served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in civilian and active military service (1943-1947). He then served a career in education as a teacher and principal in Hawaii. In 1976, Akaka was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Akaka won election to the Senate in 1990, 1994, 2000, and 2006. He is currently the only Chinese-American U.S. Senator.

Senator Akaka is the Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee; the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support; the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks; and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia. He also serves on the Committees on Indian Affairs and on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Akaka chairs the Congressional Task Force on Native Hawaiian Issues.

The Senator is the primary sponsor of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, also known as the "Akaka Bill." Re-introduced in January 2007, the legislation seeks a process to form a Native Hawaiian governing entity to negotiate with the state and federal governments on behalf of Hawaii's indigenous people, similar to the rights of other native peoples.

External Links:

<http://akaka.senate.gov/>