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Statement by Mayor Kawakami on the passing of Ezra Kanoho

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami issues the following statement on the passing of the late Representative Ezra Kanoho.

“Rep. Ezra Kanoho, known to us as ‘Uncle Ezra,’ had impeccable style and grace. He is a man that I will always look up to and admire. I grew up in the neighborhood where he lived and was one of the pesky kids playing ball next door. No matter how many times we ran into his yard unannounced, he greeted us with a smile to let us know we were welcome. When I became a public servant many years later, he would greet me with that same humble smile. Over the years, Uncle Ezra grew to become one of the most notable leaders that Kaua’i will ever know. He had a way of making everyone he knew feel important and loved. Uncle Ezra has more accomplishments than most of us realize, but his greatest legacy was his kindness, gentleness and humility. His physical presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in those whose lives he touched, and he will continue to impact our island and community for generations to come.”



Above photo of the late Rep. Ezra Kanoho (left) and Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami.

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