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By Senator Hiram L. Fong

In the Senate

May 17, 1972

Mr. President, I have the rare privilege of paying my compliments to a very dear friend who will be a centenarian next Monday. On that day, William Borthwick will observe his 100th birthday anniversary in Honolulu with his family, relatives and friends.

I count Bill Borthwick among those fortunate individuals who not only have attained a ripe old age but also have filled their lifetime with good and worthy deeds. He has been successful both in public life and as a businessman.

Bill was born in Barry, Illinois, on May 22, 1872. But he spent most of his life in Hawaii, where he made his home in 1914. He was elected to the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives and served from 1932-34. He became Hawaii's Tax Commissioner from 1934-50. He founded the Honolulu Savings & Loan Co., which has grown into a large firm, and he was also the President of the Borthwick Mortuary, now operated by his grandson.

When I return to Honolulu this weekend, I hope to be able to extend my personal congratulations to this grand old man.

Although time has dimmed his eyesight, he still retains that sparkling, sprightly spirit of years gone by. A clear mind, a witty personality -- these qualities he still possesses today.

His friends were legion because he held out a helping hand to those who came to him in need, whether for advice, a job, or a personal favor.

I remember him as a colorful personality in Hawaiian politics. He was a great orator, drawing on his down-to-earth philosophy and a forceful manner of speaking. His store of stories was endless.

As he reaches his milestone anniversary, I join his hosts of admirers and friends in wishing him a glorious "Happy Birthday." So to my good friend William Borthwick, as he celebrates his 100th birthday,

"May his blessings be as full as the Eastern Ocean, and his life as everlasting as the Southern Hills."

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record the text of a resolution adopted by the Senate of the Sixth Legislature of Hawaii, congratulating William Northwick on his 100th birthday.

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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Dear Mr. Saville:

Attached is a tearsheet from the Congressional Record in which Senator Fong extends his congratulations to Mr. Borthwick.

Thank you for the use of your copy of the Senate Resolution, which is also enclosed herewith.

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April 7, 1972.

THE SECRETARY TO
SENATOR HIRAM L. FONG
1107 Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Secretary:

The attached Copy of a Resolution recently passed by the Senate of Hawaii, congratulating one Hon. William Borthwick, a mutual friend of the Senator's and mine, on his achievements in Hawaii, and on the fact that Mr. Borthwick will be observing the Century Mark of His Birth this coming May, - all is self-explanatory.

I do hope the Senator will be inclined to extend this copy in the Congressional Record, with appropriate remarks of his own, at his convenience, if he has not already done so. Senator Fong is a great favorite of Mr. Borthwick's and I am sure that any attention that will be given this matter will be greatly appreciated. - Thank You,

Russell Saville.

Larry
OK
Very much a good friend to me - clear mind - joyful

Rita
Mr. Saville phoned me concerning this resolution and Mr. Borthwick's Birthday. He volunteered to forward this copy which I said this office would return. He wants it inserted