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MESSAGE FOR TESTIMONIAL

Dear Sparky:

I regret that I find it necessary to return to Washington and so will be unable to attend the testimonial dinner to be held for you. I would very much like to be there with your friends to honor you for the splendid job you have done in Congress representing the people of Hawaii.

Your voting record and efforts on behalf of the historic legislation of the past two years speak for themselves. It is a record for which you may be justly proud. I would also like to point out that often one cannot judge adequately the value and efficiency of a Congressman's activities by the press reports. Many times the true value of his services may lie in activities that are performed without publicity.

I know from personal experience the hundreds of people you have assisted in immigration, military and personal difficulties, and of your outstanding service for our State's agricultural industry.

I was extremely proud and happy this year when your colleagues elected you as Secretary of the House Democratic Steering Committee, and more recently made you Chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing and Consumer Relations. These speak highly of the great respect and influence you have earned. I know this dinner will be a happy occasion for everyone. It is gratifying to know that your many friends have chosen this method of expressing their deep appreciation and their affection for you. It is most appropriate.

My warmest regards and best wishes.

Aloha,

DAN INOUYE



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(FOR MATT TO REPESENT SENATOR AT SPARKYS TESTIMONIAL)

DEAR SPEA// SPARKY:

I REGRET THAT I FIND IT NECESSARY TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND SO WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO BE HELD FOR YOU. I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE THERE WITH YOUR FRIENDS TO HONOR YOU FOR THE SPLENDID JOB YOU HAVE DONE IN CONGRESS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

YOUR VOTING RECORD AND EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE HISTORIC LEGISLATION OF THE PAST TWO YEARS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. IT IS A RECORD FOR WHICH YOU MAY BE JUSTLY PROUD. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT OFTEN ONE CANNOT JUDGE ADEUQUATELY THE VALUE AND EFFICIENCY OF A CONGRESSMAN'S ACTIVITIES BY THE PRESS REPORTS. MANY TIMES THE TRUE VALUE OF HIS SERVICES MAY LIE IN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PERFORMED WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE YOU HAVE ASSISTED IN IMMIGRATION, MILITARY AND PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES, AND OF YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR OUR STATE'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE IMPORTANT HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. I WAS EXTREMELY PROUD AND HAPPY THIS YEAR WHEN YPOUR COLLEAGUES ELECTED YOU AS SECRETARY OF THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC STEERING COMMITTEE, AND MORE RECENTLY MADE YOU CHAIRAMAN OF THE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MARKETING AND CONSUMER ERELATIONS. THESE SPEAK HIGHLY OF THE GREAT RESPECT AND INFLUENCE YOU HAVE ~~AT~~ EARNED. I KNOW THIS DINNER WILL BE A HAPPY OCCASION FOR EVERYONE. IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT YOUR MANY FRIENDS HAVE CHOSEN THIS METHOD OF EXPRESSING THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION AND THEIR AFFECTION FOR YOU. IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE.

MY WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.,
ALOHA, DAN INOUYE
DR. ORLAND LEFFORGE, LEGISLATIVE ASSTISTANT

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