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TONITE'S GATHERING HAS A DUAL PURPOSE. FIRST, WE GATHER AS CITIZENS OF HAWAII TO OBSERVE THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE HAWAII STATEHOOD ACT; AND, SECOND, AS DEMOCRATS TO TAKE PART IN A NATIONWIDE DEMOCRATIC OBSERVANCE OF JEFFERSON-JACKSON DAY.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT WE HAVE COMBINED THESE TWO GREAT EVENTS, BECAUSE STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII IN MANY WAYS HERALDED THE COMING OF AGE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII.

TODAY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII IS TRULY THE MAJORITY PARTY OF OUR STATE - THE PARTY CHOSEN BY OUR PEOPLE TO GUIDE THE DESTINY OF OUR ISLANDS. AS A DEMOCRAT, I AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO NOTE THE MANY BOUQUETS OF PRAISE BEING ACCORDED THE NEW DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION LEAD BY GOVERNOR JOHN A. BURNS. DURING MY SHORT RETURN TO HAWAII I'VE HAD COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TELL "JACK'S DOING A GOOD JOB" OR "I'M A REPUBLICAN, BUT I MUST ADMIT THAT BURNS IS AN EXCELLENT GOVERNOR" OR "I WAS NOT QUITE CONVINCED WHEN I VOTED FOR JACK BURNS, BUT NOW I KNOW I DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN I VOTED FOR JACK."

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OUR PRESS WHICH DID NOT ENDORSE OUR JACK IS NOW FULL OF PRAISE FOR OUR NEW GOVERNOR. GOVERNOR BURNS, I BELIEVE I SPEAK FOR ALL DEMOCRATS WHEN I SAY "WE'RE PROUD OF YOU AND MAHALO FOR YOUR FINE LEADERSHIP."

OUR DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE IS CONDUCTING ITSELF WITH DISPATCH AND DIGNITY. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY YOUR 16-HOUR WORK DAY. YOU HAVE KEPT FAITH WITH OUR PEOPLE, AND HAVE PROVEN TO ALL THAT OUR PLATFORM IS NOT JUST A PIECE OF PAPER - BUT A SOLEMN CONTRACT WITH OUR PEOPLE. WE DEMOCRATS THANK ALL DEMOCRATIC SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR UNSELFISH SERVICE TO OUR STATE. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.

FINALLY, I AM REALLY PLEASED TO REPORT TO YOU THAT THE TEAM OF GILL, MATSUNAGA AND INOUE IS MOVING FORWARD IN WASHINGTON. CONGRESSMAN GILL AND CONGRESSMAN MATSUNAGA ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSING THEIR SENIOR COLLEAGUES. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT HAWAII IS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY TOM GILL AND SPARK MATSUNAGA.

IN A FEW HOURS I WILL BE ON MY WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON. LEAVING HAWAII IS NOT THE MOST PLEASANT EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, LIKE ALL OF YOU I HAVE MY JOB TO DO. SO UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, ALOHA.