Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i



Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Takeyoshi "Mike" Maeda** was born in Olaa, Hawai"i, in 1920. He was an Army veteran and subsequently retired from his career as a city road construction inspector; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 1996, the Judiciary became the beneficiary of Mike's time and talent when he signed up to be a volunteer with the Volunteers in Public Service to the Courts program. For the next fourteen years, Mike consistently dedicated his time to helping the Judiciary by serving as a clerical messenger aide with the Juvenile Client Services Branch, a clerical aide and bar exam proctor with the Bar Examiners Office, and as a clerical aide and legislative volunteer with the Family Court Staff Attorneys, clocking in an amazing 12,215 hours of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, to Judiciary employees, Mike was affectionately known as "Iron Mike," because he was very dependable and positively gave of himself to whatever he was working on. He was a shining example of dedication and diligence with an outstanding work ethic and charming personality. His attention to detail allowed court staff to continually assign him more complex tasks, making him even more valuable to those he helped. His many life experiences brought a fresh perspective to challenging situations and he could often be counted on to offer sage advice; and

WHEREAS, among his accolades as a volunteer, Mike was recognized in 2001 by Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon in his State of the Judiciary Address; received the Hawai'i Sate Bar Association Golden Gavel Award in 2005; was honored at the 2009 Family Court Judges Symposium; and was recognized by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald in his 2011 State of the Judiciary Address for his extraordinary number of volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Judiciary expresses its sincere condolences to the family of the late Takeyoshi "Mike" Maeda and extends its sincere appreciation for his many contributions to the Judiciary. Not only was he a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, but also a very cherished friend to the Judiciary.

DONE, at the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i, this 16th day of November, 2015.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

MARK E. RECKTENWALD Chief Justice, Hawaiʻi State Supreme Court