

The Senate

Recognizes and Congratulates Henry Kaleialoha Allen on his Lifetime Achievement Award

The Senate of the State of Hawai'i is always pleased to recognize extraordinary artistic contributions that preserve the cultural heritage of these islands. Henry Kaleialoha Allen is a master of Hawaiian steel guitar who spent his lifetime spreading Hawaii's aloha through music across the globe and then returning to teach his artistry to our keiki.

During the early Hawaiian Territorial days he played with local greats such as Alfred Apaka and René Paulo at renowned clubs like Trader Vic's, Banyan Court, Orchid Room, and Shell Bar. As his artistry progressed Henry began to include jazz in his repertoire, adding to it his particular Hawaiian flare. He polished his jazz guitar talents in Los Angeles in the heyday of swing and was eventually scouted for the Martin Denny band as lead singer.

Mr. Allen's talents have taken him around the world. His venues have included the famous Brown Derby, General Lee's and The Seven Seas. As arranger and producer for a 56-piece orchestra, Henry opened for the Don Ho show. His music has been featured in such television shows as Blue Hawaii and Hawaiian Eye.

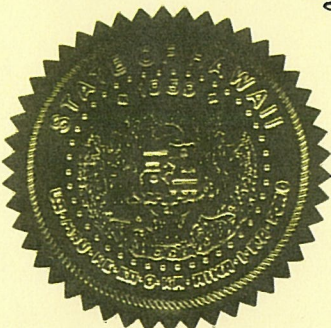
Fortunately for fans and keiki here, Henry returned to Hawai'i where he produced and starred in his own shows at major hotels and resorts. He is particularly beloved on Maui where he has been an integral part of the music scene there for more than 37 years.

Mr. Allen's love of music inspired him to become a music educator for the State of Hawai'i. He has written four text books on the guitar and the ukulele in order to pass on his extensive knowledge and to preserve the music of the steel guitar, the only instrument native to Hawai'i.

Mr. Allen's many accolades include being named "The Master Artist" of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar and Hawaiian music by the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and by the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Artists. On April 4, 2009 he was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hawai'i Music Foundation.

Henry has authored 33 songs and his seven albums include the two recently released "A Lei of Stars" and "Henry, Live in Tokyo!" He was a featured performer in the 11th Annual Hawai'i International Jazz festival where he received standing ovations for his performance.

The Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i is pleased to commend and congratulate Hawaiian musician extraordinaire and living treasure Henry Kaleialoha Allen on his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hawai'i Music Foundation recognizing his contribution to the preservation and performance of Hawaiian Music and wishes him continued success in all his artistic and educational endeavors.



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