



Proclamation

The people of Hawai‘i join with the Leong family in mourning the passing of former state representative Bertha Leong. Bertha’s work as a state representative, neighborhood board representative, church leader and community advocate are the many ways in which she contributed her time to the people of Hawai‘i. Bertha touched countless lives through her principled leadership, kindness and compassion.

For six years, Leong represented House District 18, and used her position wisely to improve the quality of life for residents of our state. Drawing on her first-hand experience as a teacher, Bertha brought her expertise on education issues to the House. As a dedicated lawmaker, she addressed issues in health and business to create a better future for the next generation. She was also committed to promoting the unique culture of Hawai‘i’s Chinese Community.

Bertha worked to make a difference in civic affairs after leaving the House, continuing to be involved with issues such as a pedestrian bridge for Wailupe Valley Elementary School and flood control along Wailupe Stream. Her cheerfulness and warmth inspired her colleagues, family and the public.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Leong family and we hope her children and grandchildren can take comfort in the expression of support from family, friends and community. Our government is strengthened by elected officials like Bertha, who served the public with integrity and loyalty. Out of deep respect and gratitude, we honor the memory of

BERTHA LEONG

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai‘i state flag on **July 3, 2008**, a tribute to her life and service to our state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this first day of July 2008.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i