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JACL Congratulates U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye

Washington, D.C. – The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation’s oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization, heartily congratulates United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) on his appointment as Chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee.

As a respected United States Senator from Hawaii and an honored veteran of World War II, Daniel Inouye has long been an outstanding example for the JACL and Japanese Americans everywhere. He has diligently served our country and is now the third in seniority in the United States Senate.

Floyd Mori, National Executive Director of the JACL, stated: “I had the honor of first meeting Senator Inouye back in 1959 on a street in Hilo, Hawaii, when he was campaigning for Congress. He has been a role model to me ever since. It has been my privilege to get to know him better in more recent years. We thank him as he continues his tireless service to our community and the nation.”

When Hawaii became a state on August 21, 1959, Daniel Inouye won election to the United States House of Representatives as the new state’s first Congressman. He was reelected to a full term in 1960 and was elected to the United States Senate in 1962, serving consecutively since that time.

In his capacity as a United States Senator, Daniel Inouye has been a true friend to the JACL, to Japanese Americans, to other ethnic minorities, and to all in the nation. He was instrumental in helping to bring out Redress for Japanese Americans who were interned in concentration camps within the United States during World War II.

Senator Inouye has been honored by the JACL on several occasions, including last year when he received an award as a True Champion at the inaugural National JACL Gala held in Washington, D.C. Senator Inouye served as the honorary chair of this year’s JACL Gala.

The JACL also commends and thanks Senator Robert Byrd for his dedicated service to the nation as he has served on the Senate Appropriations Committee for fifty years and as chairman for the past ten years. His outstanding service has been a great example to all.

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The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the nation’s oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization, founded in 1929. The JACL is commemorating the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Redress Movement this year. For information on the JACL or to join, please visit the website at www.jacl.org.