



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DANIEL K. INOUE
HAWAII

April 7, 2008

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe:

I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved daughter, Masumi Watanabe. I was deeply saddened to learn of your loss, and I realize there are no words to comfort you at this painful time, but please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Your daughter will long be remembered as a bright, joyful person who lived life to its fullest and excelled in all her endeavors. You should be most proud of her.

May you and your family find solace in the memories of your daughter's remarkable life. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Aloha,

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**DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator**

Daniel K. Akaka
Hawaii



United States Senator

April 12, 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Watanabe
c/o Kawaiahao Church
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mrs. and Mrs. Watanabe:

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement. I was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic passing of your beloved daughter, Masumi, and share my warmest aloha with you in this time of unconsolable grief. May time heal the grievous hurt that your family suffered.

We often wonder why someone we love so dearly should be taken from us at such a young age, but fate moves in infinite ways. While I realize that no words can ease the pain of losing one's child, I pray that your faith will grant you an acceptable meaning to Masumi's early departure so that you may look with new hope into the future. I hope that the joy and love that Masumi gave you will lessen your sense of loss.

I join the Watanabe family in bidding Masumi Watanabe a last fond aloha. May she rest in peace.

Aloha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel K. Akaka".

DANIEL K. AKAKA
U.S. Senator

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Message

Memorial Service for Masumi Watanabe

April 12, 2008

With heavy heart and much sadness, I would like to welcome Hideichi and Fumiko Watanabe, and their two sons who came to Hawaii from Sado Island, Niigata, Japan to memorialize their loved one, Masumi Watanabe.

Please accept my deepest sympathies as we try and understand the senseless act of violence that has caused you tremendous pain, and the lost of a brave, intelligent and loving young woman. Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe, please know that the people of these islands share your loss and will not rest until the person who caused her untimely death is brought to justice. His alleged actions have brought the people of Hawaii much shame, anger and sadness.

I understand that Masumi visited our islands last September and loved it so much she came back in February. She is now a part of the very beauty of our islands and will always be remembered by many, including the Honolulu Police Department's SWAT Team, K-9 unit, homicide division, helicopter and underwater units; DLNR officials, Honolulu Fire Department's Rescue unit; volunteer hiking clubs (Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club) and everyone in our community who continue to have hope that Masumi will be found.

So let us join together in prayer and honor Masumi. Let us remember her kind and gentle ways and the how much she love life....love nature....love our islands. Let us be diligent in our search for the truth and demonstrate the courage to assure what happened to Masumi never happens again to someone else.

Again, to Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe and Masumi's brothers, please accept my sympathies for your loss. I wish you all much strength and courage in the days ahead.



Congressman Neil Abercrombie
Hawaii-First Congressional District

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Member of Congress



Mazie K. Hirono
United States Congresswoman
2nd District, Hawai'i

April 12th 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Watanabe

Memorial Service for Masumi Watanabe

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe, Kenya and Ryo;

Please accept my sincerest condolences to the entire Watanabe family during this difficult time.

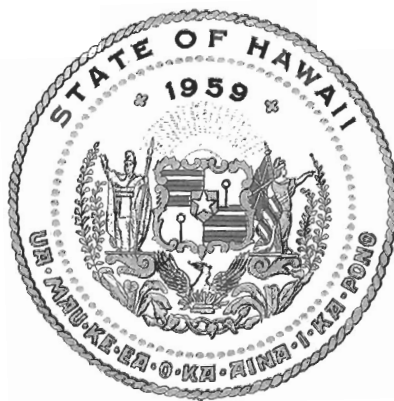
My hope is that today's celebration will help honor the memory of Masumi's young life and perhaps help your family begin the healing process.

I regret I could not personally attend today's service to offer my heartfelt sorrow and sympathy. Please know the people of Hawaii share your profound loss and that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

Mazie K. Hirono

Mazie K. Hirono
Member of Congress



Message of Condolence

presented to the family of

MASUMI WATANABE

On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Masumi Watanabe.

Masumi was an extraordinary young woman whose quiet nature belied a spirited and keenly observant soul. Like other people her age, she sought independence and was not afraid to forge her own path in life. It was this desire to connect with the world that inspired her to leave Sado Island in Japan to explore Hawai'i, a place she felt drawn to, and to volunteer at the Sunset Beach Elementary School library, where she showed great aloha for the many young students with whom she came into contact.

We are grateful for the beautiful drawings that Masumi left behind, which show her artistic talent and her abiding love of animals. We also appreciate the deep currents of love that connected Masumi to her family in Japan while she was away, including her parents, Hideichi and Fumiko, and her two older brothers.

Masumi Watanabe will be fondly remembered by the many people whose lives she touched. During this difficult time, we hope you will find encouragement in the expressions of support from your family and friends, and from the people of Hawai'i, who mourn Masumi's tragic loss. May your loving memories bring you comfort and help keep her spirit alive in your hearts.

With deepest sympathy,

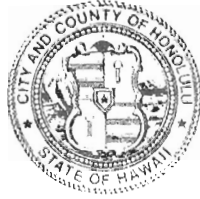
Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aron, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

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MUFI HANNEMANN
MAYOR



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MUFI HANNEMANN

The people of the City and County of Honolulu join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to you over Masumi's tragic death.

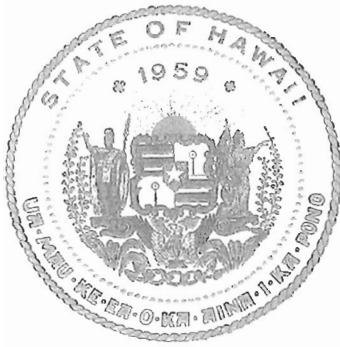
You may be consoled in the knowledge that Masumi brought you much joy and fulfillment in her lifetime, and that she leaves a legacy of love and warm, fond memories.

The past months have obviously been very difficult for you. Yet, I hope your strong and unwavering faith and the prayers of the people of Hawaii will comfort you in your bereavement.

We join in expressing our deepest sympathies to you in your bereavement.

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Mufi Hannemann



The House of Representatives
In Memoriam

MASUMI WATANABE

WHEREAS, the life of a human being, no matter who that person may be, is precious to all of us; and

WHEREAS, **MASUMI WATANABE** was born in 1985 and raised on Sado Island, Niigata Prefecture, Japan, the youngest of the family and the only daughter of Hideichi and Fumiko Watanabe; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2006, at the youthful age of 21 years old, **MASUMI WATANABE** visited Hawaii for the first time and the beauty of Hawaii moved her so much that she returned to Hawaii for a longer stay with a relative in Pupukea, on Oahu with the hope that this longer stay would reveal further dreams and directions in her life; and

WHEREAS, during this stay **MASUMI WATANABE** volunteered at the Sunset Elementary School library, where she was well liked, and interacting with the students; and

WHEREAS, **MASUMI WATANABE's** love of nature, especially her fondness for dogs, is revealed in her sketchbook, filled with drawings from Beagles and Basset Hounds to Collies; and

WHEREAS, three to five times a week **MASUMI WATANABE** would walk from Foodland, at the entrance of Pupukea Road, to the home where she stayed, 1.5 miles up hill, each time boosting her ever growing confidence; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2007, **MASUMI WATANABE** disappeared as she walked home on Pupukea Road; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2008, that this body hereby honors the memory of the **MASUMI WATANABE**, and extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to her family.

Sella A. Bilal
Paula...
Anthony...
Don...
Mel...
Keith...
Ma...
John...
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Speaker of the House: *John...*
Sponsoring Representative: *...*
Chief Clerk: *...*



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 12, 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Watanabe and Family
Care of: Kawaiaha'o Church
957 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe and Family:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter of condolence to you and your family. There are truly no words that can express the sadness that my family, my community and I feel about the tragic death of your daughter. On behalf of all of us I would like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this extremely difficult time.

People that know Masumi have expressed how kind she was. The staff and children at Sunset Beach Elementary appreciated the time Masumi spent with them. She was especially helpful in the Library and the schools pre-school program. I also understand that Masumi enjoyed drawing and she shared her talents with the children. Hopefully, you will find comfort in knowing that she played an important part in our community and is greatly missed by all that knew her.

Please accept my most sincere apologies for not joining you at the memorial service for your beloved daughter. Unfortunately, prior commitments are requiring me to attend other functions. However, my thoughts will be with the Watanabe family. If there is anything that I may assist you with in the future please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime at my office, 586-6380

Aloha ke Akua,

Representative Michael Magaoay
Majority Whip
Committee Chair, Legislative Management

Our deepest sympathy!



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 25, 2008

Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Watanabe

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe,

It is with much heartfelt sympathy and aloha that I join our Hawaii community to honor the life of your daughter, Masumi.

It is a testament to Masumi that although her death was a tragic one, it will bring the people of Hawaii together to express their aloha and sorrow for the injustice that she has suffered.

I am very sorry that I will not have the opportunity to meet you both personally to extend my sympathy. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

Hermina M. Morita
State Representative, District 14



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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Mr. & Mrs. Hideichi Watanabe

Dear Watanabe Family,

We are deeply saddened for the loss of your daughter and sister, Masumi. Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time of loss.

Although we have not met her personally, we know that Masumi was very much loved and will be missed tremendously. The memories that you have of her will lessen the burden of your sorrow and may help in your healing.

We extend our condolences to you and want you to remember that "Those who live in the hearts of others never die." Your family will be in our thoughts during this difficult time and we hope that you may draw some measure of comfort knowing that the people of Hawaii care and share in your loss.

Sincerely,

Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey

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April 8, 2008

Mr. Hideichi and Mrs. Fumiko Watanabe

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Watanabe:

I regret that I will not be able to attend your daughter Masumi's memorial service on Saturday, April 12, due to a prior commitment. Although I will not be at the service, I wish to express my deepest sympathy. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts, and that I pray that you all find comfort during this difficult time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Romy".

ROMY M. CACHOLA
Councilmember
Council District VII