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Aloha!!

My name is: Edwina Kinsala Spencer Watson
And this is my testimony on bills S. 2899
and HR 4904.

For years the talk of sovereignty has plagued me. I've often wondered, which way would I go? Would I follow the people who seek total independence? Would I go with those who want to restore the monarchy — Do I really want the military out of Hawaii? Do I want to live independent of the United States, the only country I know and love, I don't think so.

I had a grandfather who was very into education. He sent my mom to Mayhew school and my uncle to Kamehameha on a stevedores salary. And he sent me and my brother to St. Anthony's on his pension — He never had a lot of money but everything he had was from hard work. He was a father to many and a grandfather to much more. He was stern when he had to be, but mostly he was loved. He had so much value and most of all he was an honorable man. He served in the US Hawaiian Army and rests in the National Cemetery of the Pacific, which we call Punchbowl. We lost my grandfather in April 1959 — 4 months before statehood.

Now I want to talk a little about my mother. She was very much into the sovereignty movement when she came to stay with me for a few days, she

would need everything that was going on. The world watch everything on Alele and any other stations that was hawaiian. (They don't have Alele on Molokai) and she never missed her meetings. She belonged to Ka Lahui and she was also a member of the ladies of Kashumanu, the Molokai chapter.

My mom loved and respected her father. She thought of him as a Patriot as I do — and for this reason for myself my mother and my Grandfather, for my Ohana, I support these bills.

I support them because of the hard work Sen Akaka, Sen Inouye and the rest of the delegation has put into it. And because it's Pono.

To make the necessary changes as many have suggested and be the right thing. Senator Akaka, I wish you will and hope these hearings that you had to sit through was not too strenuous for you. I wish you God Speed.

A hui hou,

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P.S.
Grandfather 100% hawaiian blood

Joseph Kalamhuli Kamokamanonuu

Mother: Eleanor "Cuntie Nora" Cleveland
Kauwipuiolani