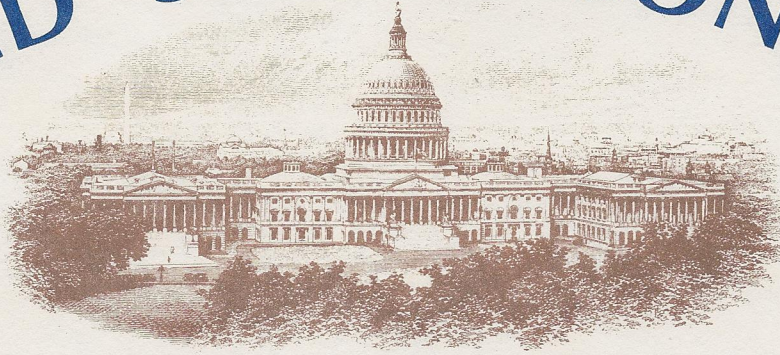


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Message

Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa **First Congressional District of Hawai'i**

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On behalf of the First Congressional District of Hawai'i, I send my warmest aloha to the Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA) in honor of National Colorectal Awareness Month!

Few things in life are more disheartening than a diagnosis of cancer or other serious medical conditions. However, a positive attitude can provide an outlook that provides for a deep appreciation of life and the will to live. While different types of illnesses present their own unique set of challenges, illnesses related to the digestive tract can be especially difficult to both understand and overcome.

As just about everything we do relates to our ability to sustain ourselves, our digestive tract plays an integral role in nourishing our bodies. When that system is compromised, it can lead to a wide array of medical prognostications. Due to the work of organizations like the Colon Cancer Alliance, the awareness of cancers and illnesses related to the digestive system is on the rise. CCA is not only a powerful advocate of awareness but also a tireless partner for empowering and supporting individuals and families afflicted with the hardship that accompanies medical diagnoses pertaining to the digestive system.

Here in Hawai'i, an individual named Daniel Shockley maintained his positive outlook on life and his Aloha Spirit after being diagnosed with a condition which necessitated the removal of the majority of his large intestine. Thanks to his awareness and the care of his doctors, Mr. Shockley is leading a happy life and helping to raise awareness of colorectal cancer and support others who are going through similar circumstances as himself.

I would like to commend Mr. Shockley for his enduring aloha and will to live. He serves as a powerful example of how awareness can lead to positive outcomes. As we observe National Colorectal Awareness Month, we do so knowing that there is support in the community and inspiration to be found.



Aloha,


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