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ACCJ Mourns the Passing of Senator Daniel Inouye

War hero and Senate luminary was a true champion of the U.S.-Japan relationship

December 18, 2012— The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) expresses its collective sadness for the passing of Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye today. The late senator was beloved by many in the Chamber for his steadfast support for the ACCJ and the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship.

Members of the ACCJ benefited from the wisdom of Senator Inouye on many occasions in meetings in both countries. The senator often met with ACCJ members during his visits to Japan, and welcomed leaders of the Chamber during its annual "D.C. Doorknock."

On learning the news, ACCJ President Michael Alfant said, "We are greatly saddened by the passing of Senator Inouye. Our heartfelt condolences go his wife Irene, also a champion of the bilateral relationship, and to the citizens of Hawaii who have lost a true advocate and leader in the Senate. The senator's legacy of spreading goodwill between Japan and the United States is broad and will be felt for generations to come throughout both countries."

ACCJ President-Elect Laurence Bates added, "I met with Senator Inouye this past April on our D.C. Doorknock and was impressed as I always was with his constant devotion to strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States on every level – diplomatic, commercial, personal. We are forever grateful for his support over several decades – he is really an institution, and the ACCJ will miss his strong voice and engagement on our behalf."

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About ACCJ

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies and has grown into one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. Consisting mainly of executives from American companies, the ACCJ has members representing over 1,000 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan and other business organizations, the ACCJ promotes trade and investment flows between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the environment for international business in Japan. Over 60 committees representing various industries play a

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central role in making ACCJ policy recommendations by issuing Viewpoints, Public Comments and White Papers and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ also undertakes charitable efforts and supports its members' CSR activities.

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