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Neil Abercrombie

Character Reflected In The Record

A Lifetime Of Hard Work

Talk to Neil today, and it is obvious that he has never strayed from his childhood lessons about hard work and fighting to help others.

- Son of working class parents and started his schooling in a two room school house
- Multiple letter winner in track, swimming and football; New York State Regents Scholar
- Bachelors Degree in Sociology, Union College
- Moved to Hawai'i to further his education and supported himself working as a waiter, custodian, probation officer, construction apprentice director, and teacher
- Masters Degree in Sociology, University of Hawai'i
- PhD in American Studies, University of Hawai'i
- Hawai'i State House of Representatives, 1974 to 1978
- Hawai'i State Senate, 1978 to 1986
- Honolulu City Council, 1988 to 1990
- U.S. House of Representatives, 1986; 1990 to Present; Chairman of the Armed Forces Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces; Senior Member on the Natural Resources Committee

A Man Of His Word

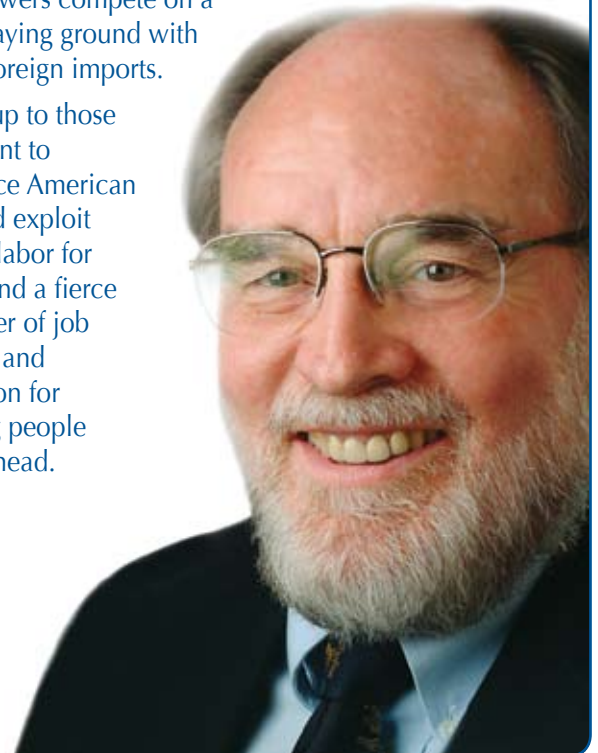
Neil's accomplishments as a councilman, state legislator, and Congressman would fill a book. There are too many to list, but just a few highlights will show you the character of the man and how he can use his relationship with the White House and Congress to be a great Governor.

Neil follows through on his commitments and **GETS THINGS DONE** even if it means standing up to powerful interests.

- Co-sponsored the Credit Cardholders Bill of Rights—one of President Obama's early priorities—taking on predatory credit card companies to protect consumers from retroactive interest rate hikes and other gimmicks.
- After four years of fighting powerful special interests in Washington D.C., got nearly a billion dollars redirected away from problem-ridden future weapons systems to instead fund essential protective armor and other equipment needed by our troops in Iraq and

Afghanistan. For this the National Guard Association of the United States gave Neil their highest honor in 2009.

- Secured House passage to fund the cleanup and return of the island of Kaho'olawe in 1993; since then, successfully fought off repeated efforts by Republicans in Congress to kill the Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act and other core Native Hawaiian health and education programs.
- Garnered widespread bipartisan support for House passage of the War Profiteering Prevention Act to crack down on war profiteers, particularly contractors in Iraq, who have defrauded the U.S. government by overcharging for goods and services.
- Secured and delivered federal funding for mass transit projects in Hawai'i including rail transit in Honolulu. Supported higher fuel efficiency standards for cars, grants to increase the use of clean-fueled public transportation, and billions of dollars in tax credits for energy efficiency in homes.
- Consistent advocate of local farming and the prospects for Hawai'i to grow our own food and export new crops; led the fight to help local Hawai'i tropical fruit growers compete on a level playing ground with cheap foreign imports.
- Stands up to those who want to outsource American jobs and exploit foreign labor for profit; and a fierce supporter of job training and education for working people to get ahead.



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Neil **CARES** about everyday people and the issues that make a difference in their lives.

- Led efforts to obtain recognition and benefits for Filipino veterans who served the U.S. in WWII; and leading the fight to help “Atomic Vets” who were exposed to radiation during their service and who are now being denied medical treatment.
- Co-introduced the “Reuniting Families Act” to reduce the wait time that keeps immigrants separated from their loved ones.
- 2008 Recipient of the Community Health Defender Award by the National Association of Community Health Centers; consistently fighting for lower drug prices for seniors and protecting Medicare and Medicaid.
- Voted to broaden categories covered by hate crimes to include crimes motivated by the victim’s gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Led the charge in Congress to bust through nonsensical regulations that may have prevented women from getting life-saving cervical cancer screenings.
- Stood up for and helped thousands of elderly depositors in danger of losing their life savings because of mismanagement at Manoa Finance.
- Integral in establishing Hawai‘i’s nationally recognized Healthy Start program to identify and support at-risk mothers and prevent child abuse.
- Ran on a platform of careful stewardship of our fresh water in his first state campaign in 1974, long before most people cared about the issue; continues that stewardship in Congress by leading the charge to ban drift nets and protect marine mammals.

Neil **BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER** to solve tough problems. He has the creative, collaborative, and committed leadership that we need in a Governor.

- Listened to the causes and needs of people and communities across the state and worked with both Democrats and Republicans in Congress over the years

to secure billions of dollars worth of federal funds to invest in Hawai‘i’s economy including help for high-tech industries, renewable energy projects, transportation, environmental restoration, healthcare, and education.

- Co-sponsored the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which increases scholarships and improves the student loan program; it also increases cooperation between community colleges, businesses and job training programs; it provides funding for energy-efficient school building renovation projects and creates a grant program to implement standards-based early learning programs. All of this funded by cost savings with no additional burden on taxpayers.
- Forged a public-private partnership that will continue for 50 years by convening private companies, the military, and unions to build and maintain high quality, energy-efficient housing for our military families while creating thousands of jobs for Hawai‘i.



- Stood up to the Bush Administration when it ordered sonar tests that harmed humpback whales in our oceans and got the Navy and environmental experts to work together on a solution.
- Sponsored legislation to preserve sites in Hawai‘i where Japanese Americans were unlawfully interned during WWII; working with landowners, the National Park service, community organizations and colleagues in Congress to ensure that future generations have opportunities to learn from this episode in U.S. history right here in the islands.