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**PBS HAWAII COMMEMORATES
HAWAII'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD**

As part of its observation of Hawaii's fiftieth anniversary of statehood, PBS Hawaii will broadcast two documentaries, each providing its own historical viewpoint on the people, issues and events that surrounded the path to statehood.

John A. Burns: The Man and His Times will be broadcast uninterrupted on PBS Hawaii Thursday, August 20 at 8:30 p.m. It will begin with a live interview with retired Chief Judge of Hawaii's Intermediate Court of Appeals and son of the late governor, the Honorable James S. Burns.

John A. Burns had a pivotal role in helping to bring statehood to Hawaii in 1959. This documentary, produced by Emme Tomimbang Multi-Media Enterprises, looks back at what shaped the man and how, in turn, he helped create many social and political legacies that continue today.

Remembrances from Governor George Ariyoshi, Governor Benjamin Cayetano, former Bishop Estate Trustee Matsy Takabuki, former Chief Justice William S. Richardson, the late Lieutenant Governor Thomas Gill and Senator Daniel Inouye round out the show.

Insights on PBS Hawaii Presents State of Aloha will be a special two-hour broadcast on Thursday, August 27 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and includes a live panel discussion hosted by Dan Boylan. Viewers will be invited to participate by calling in with their questions and comments.

The special begins with a one hour documentary produced by the University of Hawaii's Academy of Creative Media (ACM). Intended for educational distribution and funded by a federal research grant, ACM students began working on the project in 2004. Through personal narratives, the students were able to explore many different viewpoints and deliver a balanced, insightful presentation of the issues that surrounded statehood over fifty years ago and remain relevant today.

John A. Burns: The Man and His Times

Thursday, August 20th 8:30PM

Same Evening Rebroadcast at 11PM

Insights on PBS Hawaii Presents State of Aloha

Thursday, August 27th 7:30PM

Friday, August 28th 10:30PM

Sunday, August 30th 3PM

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