



## Patsy T. Mink

**Party:** Democratic • **Chamber:** House

**State:** HI • **District:** 2

**Service:** 1965–2002

**Most recent Congress:** 107

### Biography

A Representative from Hawaii. Born Patsy Matsu Takemoto, December 6, 1927, in Paia, Maui County, Hawaii. Graduated from Maui High School, Maui, Hawaii, 1944. Attended Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. , 1946. Attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr. , 1947. B. A. , University of Hawaii, Manoa, Hawaii, 1948. J. D. , University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Ill. , 1951. Lawyer, private practice. Lecturer, University of Hawaii, 1952-1956, 1959-1962, and 1979-1981. Attorney for Hawaii territorial house of representatives, 1955. Member of the Hawaii territorial house of representatives, 1956-1958. Member of the Hawaii territorial senate, 1958-1959. Member of the Hawaii state senate, 1962-1964. Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, 1960, 1972, 1980, and 1984. Elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1977). Was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fifth Congress in 1976, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the United States Senate. Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, 1977-1978. President, Americans for Democratic Action, 1978-1981. Member, Honolulu, Hawaii, city council, 1983-1987, chair, 1983-1985. Elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred First Congress in a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Daniel K. Akaka. Reelected to the seven succeeding Congresses (September 22, 1990-September 28, 2002). Died on September 28, 2002, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Interment at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. Elected posthumously to the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002. Awarded posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, 2014.

### Legislative Activity (1965–2002)

**Bills sponsored:** 56

**Bills cosponsored:** 552

## Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 HR 1906	Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2002	Became Public Law No: 107-340. Updated Dec 16, 2002
107 HR 5297	Health Care Continuation Coverage Act of 2002	Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. Updated Oct 24, 2002
107 HR 4787	To amend the impact aid program under section 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include children who are citizens of the freely associated states in the computation of the amount of basic support payments to local educational agencies under the program.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform. Updated Oct 3, 2002
107 HR 5296	To revive the system of parole for Federal prisoners.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Updated Aug 20, 2002
107 HR 5066	To amend title 37, United States Code, to limit the authority of the United States to recover, after a member of the uniformed services is retired or separated from the uniformed services, amounts of basic pay, allowances, bonuses, special pays, and other compensation erroneously paid to the member before the member's retirement or separation.	Executive Comment Requested from DOD. Updated Jul 22, 2002

## Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
107 HR 3747	Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial Study Act of 2002	Became Public Law No: 107-363. Updated Dec 19, 2002
107 HR 3389	National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002	Became Public Law No: 107-299. Updated Nov 26, 2002
107 HR 848	Social Security Benefits Restoration Act of 2001	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2132) Updated Nov 22, 2002
107 HCONRES 349	Calling for effective measures to end the sexual exploitation of refugees.	Message on Senate action sent to the House. Updated Nov 21, 2002
107 HR 3154	To require the Secretary of Defense to establish at least one Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team in each State and at least one such team under the direction of the National Guard Bureau.	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2058) Updated Nov 15, 2002