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M-11 City & County of Honolulu  
Resolution to  
Capt. Henri BERGER  
1915



# City and County of Honolulu Resolution

Be it Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu:  
That, in accepting the resignation of

## Captain Henri Berger

as Bandmaster of the Hawaiian Band, after a distinguished career in that position for forty-three years, during which period he has loyally served in succession four sovereigns of the Kingdom of Hawaii, the Provisional Government of Hawaii, the Republic of Hawaii, the Territory of Hawaii, the county of Oahu and, lastly, the City and County of Honolulu.

The Mayor and Supervisors desire to place on record their great regret at parting with Captain Berger's most valuable services, together with their heartfelt prayer to the Father of All that he may long be spared to enjoy the leisure which he so eminently deserves.

Trained to duty and discipline in the army of his native country, amidst the clash of arms, Captain Berger on the return of peace was selected, through imperial courtesy toward a little friendly nation, as the musician wanted by the King of Hawaii, landing in these isles of peace on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1872, he immediately entered upon his mission of organizing and training a military band of native musicians. So rapidly did success attend his labors that, about ten years later, the Royal Hawaiian Band won first prize from many competing bands at a great celebration in San Francisco. By its performances at home and abroad through all these forty-three years the Hawaiian Band has made itself and its leader renowned wherever music is mentioned. Captain Berger has familiarized the world with Hawaii's national melodies of his own composition. As a private instructor he has introduced to many homes, including royal palaces, the felicity of artistic musical performance. In his public service Captain Berger has been most obliging, counting sacrifice and toil for others the highest pleasure. His thousands of band concerts, at the parks, hotels and docks, as well as performances on public and private occasions of joy and sorrow, have made him at once the most famous and the best-liked member of this polyglot community.

Resolved, further, that this farewell tribute to Captain Berger as a public official, with assurance of undying affection for him as man and friend cherished by his fellow-citizens of Honolulu, here feebly expressed by their municipal representatives, be spread upon the records of the Board of Supervisors, and an Engrossed Copy thereof, signed by the Mayor and Supervisors, presented to the retiring Bandmaster.

With most cordial Aloha to Captain Berger and his esteemed wife and family, wishing them long-enduring health and happiness, we subscribe our names.

*John C. Lane*, Mayor

*William Ahia*  
*Charles H. Arnold*  
*Robert W. Shingle*

*Samuel P. Young*  
*William Kame*  
*Daniel Logan*

Supervisors.

*Robert Holmes*

Honolulu, June 30, 1915.

