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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE INVESTIGATION OF MEANS TO RESTORE OR REPLACE THE  
DOLE PINEAPPLE-SHAPED WATER TANK IN THE IWILEI DISTRICT OF  
HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, there are but a handful of historic water tanks in  
2 the United States that were constructed to represent a certain  
3 industry, and the Dole pineapple-shaped water tank at Iwilei,  
4 erected in 1927, was regarded as a particularly significant and  
5 symbolic architectural structure; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Dole tank was more famous than the peach water  
8 tower in Clanton, Alabama and the Brooks Foods ketchup bottle  
9 water tower in Cillinsville, Illinois; and

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11 WHEREAS, the original pineapple water tank was a  
12 attractively painted work of art, weighed 30 tons and held  
13 100,000 gallons of water that was used to drive the cannery's  
14 sprinkler system, and stood as a prominent Honolulu landmark  
15 next to the now defunct cannery; and

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17 WHEREAS, the famous and beloved old water tank was finally  
18 taken down in 1993, and placed in storage because it had become  
19 frail, badly corroded and apt to topple in a strong wind; and

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21 WHEREAS, pineapple and sugar were the two major  
22 agricultural crops upon which the economy of Hawaii rested  
23 before the onset of tourism; and

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25 WHEREAS, thousands of Hawai'i's citizens worked in the  
26 pineapple industry, their lives intertwined and affected by this  
27 mainstay of the Hawaiian economy, included:

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29 Agricultural workers, many whom immigrated to Hawaii to  
30 work in the fields;  
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1 Managerial, financial, transportation and distribution  
2 personnel; and

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4 Cannery workers, including many students who worked during  
5 summer vacation to pay their way through school and many  
6 others; and

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8 WHEREAS, many Honolulu motorists will recall the aromatic  
9 emanations from the cannery at the height of the pineapple  
10 season until its closure in 1991; and

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12 WHEREAS, the restoration or replacement of the pineapple  
13 water tank would serve as a attraction to today's tourists,  
14 educate people about the history of pineapple in Hawaii's  
15 history; and

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17 WHEREAS, most importantly, the water tank would stand as a  
18 memorial to the thousands of residents who earned a living  
19 through "pine" and were part of a great industry that  
20 represented a long gone era; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai`i, Regular  
24 Session of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
25 requests the appropriate House and Senate Committees to  
26 investigate the various possibilities to restore or replace the  
27 Dole pineapple-shaped water tank at the site of the old Dole  
28 Cannery to serve as a tourist attraction and to educate visitors  
29 and residents alike about the important contribution of  
30 pineapple in Hawai`i's history and economy; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House and Senate Committees  
33 invite interested parties such as former employees, historic  
34 preservationists, union officials, art historians, experts in  
35 American Studies, the Hawaii Farm Bureau and others to share  
36 their expertise and support in this project and suggest diverse  
37 ways to effectuate this endeavor; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the  
41 State Historic Preservation Division within the Department of  
42 Land and Natural Resources, the chair of the American Studies  
43 Department at the University of Hawai`i, the ILWU, the Honolulu  
44 Chamber of Commerce, the Chairperson of the State Department of



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1 Agriculture, the Historic Hawaii Foundation, the Speaker of the  
2 House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

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