
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIR OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND CULTURE AND THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM TO EACH DESIGNATE A MEMBER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO REPLICATE THE HISTORIC IWILEI PINEAPPLE-SHAPED WATER TANK.

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 located in
4 the district of Iwilei, erected in 1927, was regarded as a
5 particularly significant and symbolic architectural structure;
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8 WHEREAS, the Dole water tank was more famous than the peach
9 water tower in Clanton, Alabama, and the Brooks Foods ketchup
10 bottle water tower in Cillinsville, Illinois; and

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

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

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

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26 WHEREAS, the thousands of Hawaii residents who worked in
27 the pineapple industry, their lives intertwined and affected by
28 this mainstay of Hawaiian agriculture, include:
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- 1 (1) Agricultural workers, many whom immigrated to Hawaii
2 in search of employment and a better life;
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4 (2) Managerial, financial, transportation, and
5 distribution personnel; and
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7 (3) Cannery workers, including many students who worked
8 during summer vacation to pay their way through school
9 and many others;

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13 WHEREAS, numerous Nimitz Highway motorists can recall the
14 aromatic emanations from the cannery at the height of the
15 pineapple canning season until its closure in 1991; and
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17 WHEREAS, the replacement of the pineapple water tank would
18 serve as an attraction for today's tourists and educate people
19 about the importance of pineapple in Hawaii's history; and
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21 WHEREAS, most importantly, the water tank would stand as a
22 memorial to the thousands of residents who earned a living
23 through "pine" and were part of a great industry that
24 represented a long-gone era; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Chair of the House
29 Committee on Tourism and Culture and the Chair of the Senate
30 Committee on Tourism are each requested to designate a member of
31 their respective committees to conduct informal discussions on
32 ways to replicate the historic Iwilei pineapple-shaped water
33 tank; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the
37 State Historic Preservation Division within the Department of
38 Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the American Studies
39 Department at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, ILWU, Honolulu
40 Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson of the state Department of
41 Agriculture, Historic Hawaii Foundation, Hawaii Farm Bureau,
42 Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Pineapple Growers of Hawaii,
43 Castle & Cooke Hawaii, Chair of the Senate Committee on Tourism,
44 and the Chair of the House Committee on Tourism and Culture.

