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## HOUSE 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, that this body requests the appropriate House  
25          Committees to investigate the various possibilities to restore  
26          or replace the Dole pineapple-shaped water tank at the site of  
27          the old Dole Cannery to serve as a tourist attraction and to  
28          educate visitors and residents alike about the important  
29          contribution of pineapple in Hawai'i's history and economy; and

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

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38          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39          Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the State  
40          Historic Preservation Division within the Department of Land and  
41          Natural Resources, the chair of the American Studies Department



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1 at the University of Hawai`i, the ILWU, the Honolulu Chamber of  
2 Commerce, the Chairperson of the State Department of  
3 Agriculture, the Historic Hawaii Foundation, and the Speaker of  
4 the House of Representatives.

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