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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING DEL MONTE AND THE CAMPBELL ESTATE TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO RESIDE AT KUNIA CAMP AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER 2008, TO ALLOW THE RESIDENTS TIME TO FIND HOUSING SOLUTIONS OR AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING.

1       WHEREAS, Kunia Camp (Camp), located in Kunia, Oahu, has  
2       been home to numerous Del Monte plantation workers and retirees  
3       for several decades; and  
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5       WHEREAS, the rent at the Camp has continued to be very  
6       affordable to residents, even with recent increases; and  
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8       WHEREAS, Del Monte's lease with the landowner of the Camp,  
9       the James Campbell Estate, expires in December 2008; and  
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11       WHEREAS, approximately 500 people live in the Camp, many of  
12       whom are Del Monte employees who will be terminated from  
13       employment, and the remainder are retirees; and  
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15       WHEREAS, at the end of the lease, the property must be  
16       restored to the same condition it was received, meaning that the  
17       Camp will have to be razed; and  
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19       WHEREAS, many of the residents of the Camp, particularly  
20       the retirees, cannot afford accommodations outside of the Camp;  
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23       WHEREAS, for this reason, the residents, together with  
24       elected officials, are searching for options, including the  
25       formation of the Kunia Camp Association (Association), to  
26       possibly assume the lease for the Camp property at least until  
27       2008, the expiration of the lease for Kunia lands; and  
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29       WHEREAS, the Legislature is also considering having the  
30       State assume ownership of the Camp land through various means  
31       and options; and



1           WHEREAS, the residents of the Camp are open to exploring  
2 any option that would allow them to remain at the camp until  
3 other affordable housing is found; now, therefore,  
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5           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2006, that this body hereby requests that Del Monte continue  
8 to operate the Camp until at least December 2008, or, in the  
9 alternative, offer financial assistance to aid residents of the  
10 Camp seeking housing solutions; and  
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12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby requests the  
13 James Campbell Estate to allow residents to continue to reside  
14 at the Camp by entering into an agreement to lease parcels to  
15 the Association or an entity of the Association's choice until  
16 at least December 2008, or such time as the residents need to  
17 find housing solutions or affordable alternative housing; and  
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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Del Monte is requested to  
20 negotiate fairly with the International Longshoremen's &  
21 Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) and to consider providing benefit  
22 enhancements for severance and medical coverage to assist the  
23 employees in their transition; and  
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that December 2008 should not be  
26 considered an absolute deadline as efforts to find long-term  
27 solutions may require more time; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and  
31 County of Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember of  
32 the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Chairperson of the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board  
33 No. 26, President of the Association, Chairperson of the Board  
34 of Land and Natural Resources, the Trustees of the James  
35 Campbell Estate, General Manager of Del Monte, and President of  
36 ILWU of Oahu.

