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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING CASTLE & COOKE HAWAII TO CONSIDER REPLICATING THE IWILEI PINEAPPLE WATER TOWER.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that pineapple and sugar represent the history of Hawaii as the two major agricultural crops upon which the economy of Hawaii rested before the onset of tourism and are deeply imbedded in the ambience of Old Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents of Hawaii who worked in the pineapple industry include agricultural workers, managerial, financial, transportation, and distribution personnel, and cannery workers, many of whom immigrated to Hawaii in search of employment and a better life; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the pineapple water tank would serve as an attraction for today's tourists and educate people about the importance of pineapple in Hawaii's history; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, the water tank would stand as a memorial to the thousands of residents who earned a living through "pine" and were part of a great industry that represented a long-gone era and would be an educational tool on that era; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Castle & Cooke Hawaii is an appropriate organization to ask to erect a replica of the Dole Pineapple Water Tank on a site that would be viewed by a

large number of tourists and residents, in a size that is similar to the original one; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the legislature requests Castle & Cooke Hawaii to consider replicating the Historic Iwilei Pineapple-shaped Water Tank at sometime in the future, preferably at Iwilei; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Castle & Cooke Hawaii, the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division within the Department of the Land and Natural Resources, the Chair of the American Studies Department at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the ILWU, the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, the Chairperson of the State Department of Agriculture, Historic Hawaii Foundation, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and Pineapple Growers of Hawaii.

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