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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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RECOGNIZING THE NUUANU-LILIHA CORRIDOR AS THE NUUANU-LILIHA  
HISTORIC CORRIDOR.

1 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha area was recently selected as  
2 the Historic Corridor for the Island of O'ahu in a recent  
3 publication; a corridor which extends from the Pali Lookout,  
4 through Chinatown and ending at Honolulu Harbor; the Nuuanu-  
5 Liliha corridor uniquely reflects the three major eras of  
6 Hawaii's dynamic history, from pre-unification of the islands by  
7 Kamehameha the Great, to the monarchy period, and finally to the  
8 pre-Statehood era; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor reflects all of Hawaii  
11 from the Battle of Nuuanu in which Kamehameha the Great unified  
12 the islands, through its myriad of multicultural temples, its  
13 quaint "frozen in time" mom and pop stores from the 1940s and  
14 1950s pre-Statehood days and through Honolulu Harbor, which  
15 received many of our multi-ethnic immigrants for over a century;  
16 this corridor houses most obviously some of the most important  
17 natural and cultural resources of our State and nation; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor houses one of only  
20 three royal palaces in the nation as well as the location where  
21 King Kamehameha defeated his last opponent and unified the  
22 Hawaiian islands; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the corridor abounds with sites that enjoy the  
25 distinction of being listed on either the State or National  
26 Historic Registry, or both, including the Queen Emma Summer  
27 Palace and Grounds, the Sanju Pagoda, and the Prince David  
28 Kawananakoa Playground; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Liliha neighborhood, named for High Chiefess  
31 Kuini Liliha, once the governor of O'ahu, is just northwest of  
32 downtown Honolulu and has a history as long and varied as the



1 generations of immigrants who settled there to be close to  
2 Honolulu's jobs but distant enough to live affordably; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor is said to be the  
5 birthplace of saimin, and the home of the first and original L&L  
6 Drive-In, now an international chain, which opened on Liliha  
7 Street in 1959; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the area is home to many religious denominations:  
10 the Ma'ema'e Chapel (1863); Young Buddhist Association (1900);  
11 Luke's Episcopal Church (1903); and the Korean Christian Church  
12 (1918); and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor is one of the State's  
15 healthiest neighborhoods, with Kuakini Health Systems, Hawaii  
16 Medical Center, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, and  
17 almost two dozen other medical clinics and therapy centers; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Chinatown is a vibrant part of the community and  
20 made up of many ethnic groups who take pride in carrying on the  
21 tradition and culture of their respective home countries;  
22 Chinatown has a rich history in entrepreneurial activity and  
23 business enterprise, which continues to benefit the State and  
24 its communities to this day; Chinatown is the gateway to Hawaii  
25 for many immigrants and has been recognized by the White House  
26 Advisory Council on Historical Preservation as a Preserve  
27 America Community Neighborhood; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
31 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
32 recognizes the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor as the Nuuanu-Liliha  
33 Historic Corridor; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this recognition is non-  
36 regulatory in nature and is for the purpose of fostering civic  
37 pride of, encouraging good stewardship of, and further marketing  
38 the area's resources to its residents and visitors; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
42 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of  
43 Transportation, each member of the Legislature of the State of



1 Hawaii who represents residents of the Nuuanu-Liliha historic  
2 corridor, and the Executive Director of the Neighborhood  
3 Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, who in turn is  
4 requested to transmit copies to the Chairperson of any  
5 Neighborhood Board with jurisdiction over issues relating to the  
6 Nuuanu-Liliha historic corridor area.

