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TO:

Committee on Education

Representative Roy Takumi, Chair,

RE:

SCR 57 REQUESTING THAT PAHOA HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DEDICATE ITS GYMNASIUM IN HONOR OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE HELENE H. HALE, BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE GYMNASIUM TO "HELENE H. HALE GYMNASIUM."

Aloha Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in support of this resolution honoring Representative Helene Hale by requesting the Board of Education to name the new gymnasium in Pahoa after her.

Helene Hale represented District 4 with great dignity and wisdom for many years. Ensuring quality education for the young people of our district was a mainstay of her tenure as Representative and so it is fitting that her contribution to the district is memorialized in this manner.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer my support to this measure.

Faye P. Hanohano State Representative District 4 Puna, Pahoa, Hawaiian Acres, Kalapana

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Date of Hearing: March 14, 2008

Committee: House Education

Department:

Education

Person Testifying:

Mary Correa, Complex Area Superintendent

Ka`u/Kea`au/Pahoa Complex Maring Gacusana, Principal

Pahoa High and Intermediate School

Title:

S.C.R. No. 57 (SSCR 2896)

Purpose:

To request that Pahoa High and Intermediate School

dedicate its gymnasium in honor of former

Representative Helene H. Hale, by changing the

name of the gymnasium to "Helene H. Hale

Gymnasium"

Ka`u/Kea`au/Pahoa Complex's Position:

The Ka`u/Kea`au/Pahoa Complex area supports

S.C.R. No. 57 (SSCR 2896),

requesting that Pahoa High and Intermediate School

dedicate its gymnasium in honor of former

Representative Helene H. Hale, by changing the

name of the gymnasium to "Helene H. Hale

Gymnasium."

To:

Representative Roy Takumi, Chair Representative Lyla Berg, Vice Chair Committee on Education

Representative Alex Sonson, Chair Representative Bob Nakasone, Vice Chair Committee on Labor & Public Employment

From: Ralph C. Boyea, Legislative Advocate, Hawai'i County Council

Subject: **Testimony in favor of SCR 57** –REQUESTING THAT PAHOA HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DEDICATE ITS GYMNASIUM IN HONOR OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE HELENE H. HALE, BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE GYMNASIUM TO "HELENE H. HALE GYMNASIUM"

On behalf of the Hawai'i County Council, I ask you to pass SCR 57. SCR 57 names the Pahoa High and Intermediate school gymnasium after Helene H. Hale. This resolution is highly appropriate. As the elected Representative for House District 4, Helene Hale worked tirelessly to get the funding for the new gymnasium in Pahoa. But that is only a very small part of the justification for naming the facility after her.

Helene Hale has been working her entire lifetime on behalf of the people of Hawai'i. She was elected to the County of Hawaii Board of Supervisors from 1950 to 1954; she was the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and County Chief Executive Officer [precursor to the Mayor] from 1963 to 1964; she served on the Hawaii County Council from 1980 to 1994; she was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention; and she served as State Representative from 2000 to 2006. Her political career spanned over 50 years. The people of Hawaii were well served by this remarkable individual. Honoring her in this manner will show current and future generations the gratitude and respect that we have for those who distinguish themselves by working hard for their communities.

We humbly ask for your support of SCR 57.

BOB JACOBSON

Councilmember

Chair, Environmental Management Committee Vice-Chair, Finance Committee Vice-President Hawai`i State Association of Counties



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Hearing Friday, March 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 309 State Capitol

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I strongly support SCR 57 requesting that Pahoa High and Intermediate School dedicate its gymnasium in Honor of Former Representative Helene H. Hale by changing the name of the gymnasium to the "Helene H. Hale Gymnasium." Helene Hale has represented the Pahoa area as a Hawaii County Board Supervisor, Hawaii County Council Member, and as a Representative of District 4. She has served the residents well and has worked endlessly towards the new Pahoa gymnasium. It would be a great honor to name the new gymnasium "Helene H. Hale Gymnasium."

Please pass SCR 57.

Aloha,

Bob Jacobson