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April 1, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 108
HOUSE RESOLUTION 87

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Concurrent Resolution 108 and House Resolution 87 urge the State of Hawaii to change the street name of Fort Barrette Road to Kualakai Road.

The Department of Transportation is willing to rename Fort Barrette Road provided the Legislature requests a name change by concurrent resolution and the community supports the proposed new name.

April 1, 2009

To: Rep. Joseph Souki, Chair and Rep. Karen Leilani Awana, Vice Chair, and Members of House Committee on Transportation

From: Lance C. Holden, President of 'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapölei

Re: Testimony in Support of HCR 108 and HR 87 Urging the State of Hawai'i to Change the Street name of Fort Barrette Road to Kualaka'i Road

Thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of HCR 108 and HR 87. I am Lance C. Holden, President of 'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapölei, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Kapölei. Our club was organized and chartered in 1993 by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and serves as one of fifty-six component clubs in every county of Hawaii and throughout the continental United States. While each individual club adheres to certain standards upheld by the constitution and by-laws of the umbrella Association, clubs also have individual characteristics.

'Ahahui Kapölei's special interest has been in a garden of native plants that we originated and have supported for more than ten years, and researching the history, identifying and preserving the few remaining historic landmarks of the Ewa Plains. It is through this study that we became aware of the rich culture of this area, and in particular it's historic and pre-historic importance to leeward O'ahu.

This resolution is applicable to some of the objectives of 'Ahahui Kapölei. Promotion and perpetuation of traditional Native Hawaiian values and attitudes. The teaching, learning and use of 'olelo makuahine, the Hawaiian language. Educating the community about the ancient names and historical events that occurred on these islands before the arrival of western influences.

This resolution honors the ancient names and our ancestral connections to the ahupua'a of Honouliuli, O'ahu and all Hawai'i nei.

The history of the first people to inhabit the coasts, plains and mountains of the region has been obscured. Therefore, HCR 108 and HR 87 will serve to enlighten residents of the community that Hawaiians once flourished there.

As the cycles of evolution move Hawaii back to seeking original sources, we fortunately, have been able to authenticate names of the Ewa Plains that even describe the pre-history of the area. Much was lost when the Hawaiian names were discarded to accommodate the new arrivals, but the 'Ahahui believes that the time has come to return to our roots or they will be forever lost.

We ask that you support and pass HCR 108 and HR 87 and should you have any questions, I will certainly be available. Mahalo.

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And Unit 46
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Support Community Operations
National Assn. for Atomic Veterans
Radiated Veterans

March 30, 2009

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL HR 87 CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF FORT BARRETTE ROAD TO KUALAKA'I ROAD

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009, 8:30 AM, CONFERENCE ROOM 309

BY OAHU VETERANS COUNCIL

Good morning Chairman Joseph Souki, Madam Vice-Chair and members of the Committee. The Oahu Veterans Council does not support the intent of House Resolution 87. This bill is another attempt to change the historic street names in the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station. Fort Barrette Road was connected to the former Kapolei Military Reservation and until 1934 Fort Barrette was home to cannons protecting the flanks of Pearl Harbor. The site was built up after the December 7, 1941 attack. It was later home to the Army's Nike missiles and abandoned in the late 1950's. The Council is very sensitive to Hawaiian culture. However, Fort Barrette Road is a reminder of Hawaii's military history, and along with its connecting roads, Guadalcanal, Roosevelt, Ranger and Coral Sea should be left alone for future generations to remember the places and events of World War II. Additionally, where would this street renaming end. Other well known transportation routes on Oahu could be identified as old Hawaiian trails as well.

The Oahu Veterans Council is comprised of over 35 Oahu veterans organizations who in turn represent over 80,000 veterans and their families. The council strongly recommends that the Transportation Committee not endorse HR 87. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY:HR87 See Attached Word Doc

To: Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Representative Karen Leinani Awana, Vice Chair

Committee on Transportation (TRN)

From: John Bond, Save Fort Barrette History

Aloha and Thank You for allowing me to submit testimony opposing HR87.

I am strongly opposed to changing the name of Fort Barrette Road. This would not be Pono.

Fort Barrette and the road are a hugely important part of Ewa-Kapolei history and the road is part of Hawaii's greater significant military history when Oahu was known as the "Gibraltar of the Pacific". That history is actually very astonishing and significant, but too lengthy to go into here.

Fort Barrette Road saw action on December 7, 1941 when the roadway was strafed by Japanese Zeros and Val dive bombers during the attack on Pearl Harbor. This attack on Fort Barrette, and Ewa Field Marine Base, lasted nearly one hour in a series of three waves. This area of Oahu saw more continuous strafing than any other area during the Pearl Harbor raid due to the fact that the Japanese air units used this Ewa area for their staging and re-grouping point.

One Hawaii soldier was killed at Fort Barrette by a strafing plane as soldiers fired back at the Japanese planes. Likely two Japanese planes were shot down in this area, and one was seen in flames flying past Fort Barrette and crashing into the sea near Barbers Point.

Fort Barrette road was built as a supply road for the huge 16 inch gun batteries at Fort Barrette, and the road ran along the railway spur that came off of the OR&L line (which is now on the National Historic Register). This rail line and roadway supported the absolutely colossal engineering feat of hauling many huge 250 ton 16 inch gun barrels and gun carriages up to Fort Barrette in the 1930's. There were two main installed barrels and then also spare barrels as well. Fort Barrette is an engineering and architectural work

of great national historic interest and is very unique. It's recognition and significance is still widely unknown in the modern Kapolei community that has grown up around it.

Fort Barrette road actually continued up into Makalilo Gulch where there are still fortified Army ammunition bunkers once supported by a then existing railway line. The H-1 freeway later cut off this route- the rail is gone but the road still exists as do the military ammunition buildings.

Fort Barrette is in the process of being placed on the National and State Historic Register. There are plans to restore parts of the fort as a museum, which will include Hawaiian Coast Artillery history, National Guard Nike history and ancient Hawaiian Military history, which are all very interesting and significant stories largely unknown to the more modern developed Kapolei community. The planned museum will showcase the entire spectrum of military history- from ancient to modern times, and become a valuable regional resource for the Ewa-Kapolei area and community.

Fort Barrette Road is a very important highway and has very great meaning for many military veterans and civilians who have traveled this roadway, in good times and bad. Recognizing the Hawaiian trail that ran along this same general area is a good project to document and remember, but it doesn't justify renaming Fort Barrette road or altering the honoring and remembrance of Fort Barrette or the other historic road names in the Ewa-Kapolei area that some wish to erase. This particular agenda to erase and rename very historic street and road names is especially disturbing to many in the Ewa-Kapolei community and we will all continue to oppose it in every way we can.

Sincerely,

John Bond
Save Fort Barrette History

March 31, 2009

To: Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair and
Rep. Karen Awana, Vice Chair and
Members of the House Committee on Transportation

From: Annelle C. Amaral, Immediate Past President of
'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapolei

Re: Testimony in Support of HCR 108/HR 87 Urging the State of Hawaii Change the
Street Name of Fort Barrette Road to Kualaka'i Road

Thank you for allowing me to testify in writing, in support of HCR 108/HR 87. I know that you all have a great deal of urgent matters before you and that the naming of a road is perhaps the least important of them. But this matter is of great importance to those of us who love the history of Hawai'i. It is important to those of us who have watched our place names eradicated by time and circumstance.

Hawaiian place names record the history of the area. It records a history that can provide pride and identity for the children of Hawai'i. Hawaiian place names help the people who live in Hawai'i understand the values of the people who are their neighbors.

The proper name for the road fronting Fort Barrette is Kualaka'i. It honors the chief who brought ulu to our region. The road is directly in front of a concrete structure known as Fort Barrette. The Fort is still named Fort Barrette. The Fort is a concrete bunker built on a Puu known as Puu o Kapolei. The Fort is not going anywhere. It remains...and its name remains...its guns are gone, its purpose is gone, but the Fort remains...as does the name.

The name Kualaka'i is remembered only by the few who know the history of this place...who know the chiefs of the past...there is no acknowledgement of this chief, of his accomplishments, no recognition of our leaders, our history.

It seems to me that there is a fine compromise here. We can acknowledge the host culture by recognizing our leaders...by naming the road fronting Fort Barrette for our Hawaiian leader...and still keep the name of Fort Barrette...for the concrete structure that looms over us all at Puu o Kapolei.

The veterans get to have their history preserved...and we, the native peoples of Hawai'i are able to finally have our history restored.

We urge your support and passage of HCR 108/HR87. Mahalo.

awana3-Elenoa

From: EArakaki [arakakie003@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:31 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Testimony HR87

House Committee on Transportation
Honorable Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chairman
Honorable Karen Leinani Awana, Vice-Chair

April 1, 2009

HR87

Testimony by

Earl Arakaki

91-030 Amio Street, Ewa Beach, HI., 96706

Honorable Representative Joseph Souki, Chairman, House Transportation Committee;

I am strongly opposed House Resolution 87, which will change the name of Fort Barrette Road, at Kapolei. I oppose changing the name of any road.

Fort Barrette Road, like Forts Kamehameha, DeRussy, Ruger, and Fort Weaver were part of the military defense system and history of Oahu.

If non-Hawaiian street names are changed, these street name changes will not cease. People will begin proposing changing other street names as HR87 hints "...much as Farrington Highway was once a foot trail to Waiʻanae..." as reason for changing a street name.

Is Farrington Highway next? Then on to Fort Weaver Road, Enterprise Street, Roosevelt Street, Nimitz Highway, and on, and on.

Fort Barrette Road was not paved over an ancient Hawaii trail. HR87 states "WHEREAS...Fort Barrette Road parallels the road that was once a Hawaiian trail,..". HR87 confirms builders of Fort Barrette Road did not pave over the ancient Hawaiian trail.

Perhaps those interested in preserving the Kualakai name should identify with markers or signage the location of the old trail and we all may learn from it. Or as the area developments name a new road or street ³Kualakai.²

Name new streets with Hawaiian names as Honolulu County Ordinance requires. However, please do not change any existing street names.

Mahalo,

/s/Earl Arakaki
March 28, 2009

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for TRN 4/1/2009 8:30:00 AM HR87

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I urge you not to change the name of Fort Barrette Road - nor any other street for that matter. The names are a part of history, have meaning for those of the past, present and future. Please protect our military heritage and that of the longtime residents that reside on these streets. Thank you much.

Semper Fidelis, John R. Bates

awana3-Elenoa

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Testimony for TRN 4/1/2009 8:30:00 AM HR87

Conference room: 309
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I am of Native Hawaiian ancestry and not opposed to the naming of new streets within the City and County of Honolulu as per City and County of Honolulu Ordinance.

I object to the renaming of FORT BARRETTE ROAD to KUALAKA'I, as HR87, as written, does not specify that the roadway known as FORT BARRETTE ROAD was built over the ancient trail known as KUALAKA'I, but merely states that it paralleled the ancient trail.

If anything, there should be recognition of the historic trail and signage erected to acknowledge and educate the public of its historic significance.

Once a precedent is set, what is to stop all other anglicized highways and streets in the City and County of Honolulu and Neighbor Island Counties from being renamed as indicated in HR87.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Bennett

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Testimony for TRN 4/1/2009 8:30:00 AM HR87

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I oppose the name change of Fort Barrette Road. What does this name change accomplish? How much will it cost? Whatever the cost, it is a needless expenditure of money that the state does not have. Additionally, the state's economy is in a downward spiral and numerous problems remain unresolved. Do not the legislators have more important issues to settle than a road name change? Where are the priorities? As taxpayers, we deserve more from our elected representatives than a discussion of a road name change!

awana3-Elenoa

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Testimony for TRN 4/1/2009 8:30:00 AM HCR108

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/29/2009

Comments:

Hawaiian sovereignty zealots hate the U.S. and especially the U.S. military. They would like to "cleanse" all reference to the military from local place-names, in much the same way as the Nazis tried to make Germany "Judenrein" (cleansed of Jews).

But the military is a highly valued part of our history and our future, and deserves the respect of keeping military-related place-names.

Hawaiian sovereignty zealots have been systematically erasing Caucasian names from the pantheon of heroes of the Hawaiian Kingdom. For example, they erase Rev. Dr. Gerrit Judd from the history of Ka La Ho'iho'i Ea (sovereignty restoration day, July 31, 1843) even though Judd was the hero. They erase Rev. William Richards from Ka La Ku'oko'a (independence day, November 28, 1843) and portray him as a mere secretary to a young ali'i he took on a trip to Europe to secure recognition of Hawaii's nationhood from France and Britain. The sovereignty zealots are treating Caucasian heroes the way the Soviet Union treated political dissidents, making "non-persons" out of them and erasing their names from the public record. See the webpage on "ethnic cleansing of Hawaiian holidays" at <http://tinyurl.com/3gggm>

Let's remember that all ethnicities are important parts of Hawaii's history, and the U.S. military is a permanent and ongoing part of that history. "A'ole pau ka 'ike i ka halau ho'okahi." "Not all knowledge is found in one school." Not all place-names should refer to ancient Hawaiian gods or legends. In the words of Los Angeles gang-banger Rodney King: "Can't we all just get along?"

Please vote "No" on HR 87 and HCR 108.

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

The name Fort Barrette is important because it pinpoints the historic location of the defensive fort which was built to ward off any invasion attempt on the island of Oahu by an enemy at sea expected in the coming World War II. The proposed Hawaiian name does not pinpoint the exact location nor does it have the same significance to our history. Gordon H. Damon

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I totally oppose the proposed name change of Fort Barrette Road to Kualakai. This accomplishes absolutely nothing and in fact is an insult to veterans, our island history, and our country's history. During this time of financial hardship, considering spending tax payer time or monies for such a change is irresponsible. Our legislators should review their priorities and concentrate on the more important issues at hand - get our island economy back on track.

March 30, 2009

TO: Representative Joseph Souki, Chair, Committee on Transportation
Representative Karen Awana, Vice Chair, Committee on Transportation

FROM: Robert Kessler, Private Citizen

RE: **Opposition to HR87**, URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO
CHANGE THE STREET NAME OF FORT BARRETTE ROAD TO
KUALAKA'I ROAD

I oppose HR87.

We who reside in Hawaii fully recognize, and respect, the history and culture of our fellow citizens of Hawaiian blood. However, we also appreciate that Hawaii's history now includes a rich blend of different cultures which have made today's Hawaii the very epitome of the term "melting pot."

Today's map of Hawaii includes names that represent important people and events in Hawaii's past. Thomas Square comes to mind. So does Farrington High School, and street names such as Beretania, Bishop, King, and Richardson. These names do not dishonor our Host culture but rather remind us of events and people that helped shape the Hawaii of today.

Past military contribution to our history occurred at sites like Schofield Barracks, Battle Ship Row on Ford Island (now home to the Arizona Memorial) and Fort Barrette. Fort Barrett served an important role in Oahu's defense up to and following World War II. Today the fort itself no longer exists; it's contribution is remembered only by a short stretch of road called Fort Barrette Road. Changing the name of Fort Barrett Road will erase the last traces of the service and sacrifice of those who served at Fort Barrette in times of crisis.

I urge you to reject HR87.



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Testimony for TRN 4/1/2009 8:30:00 AM HR87

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bob McDermott
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. I notice that NONE of the introducers live in the district where the road runs through. They live close, but not in proper. I do.

Representative Pine is not in concurrence with this issue; Perhaps if the area's representative is not in support of such a rudimentary measure like this it should be scrapped. How would the introducers like other legislators introducing measures that affect their neighborhoods without that their concurrence?

Lastly, this is a steaming, stinking pile of political correctness for which we don't even have the money (street signs) to implement!

awana3-Elenoa

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Don Mills
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-689-6349
E-mail: dwmills@omsoft.com
Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I find it offensive that you would remove the reminders of the sacrifices made by the American Military in street names. If it had not been for their sacrifices the Hawaii population would have been serving in Japanese slave labor camps in China, instead of enjoying the fruits of freedom in the USA.

Donald W. Mills

awana3-Elenoa

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Submitted on: 3/29/2009

Comments:

I strongly oppose the street name change from Ft. Barrette Rd. to Kualakai Rd. for these reasons:

- a. I too am a vietnam veteran as was my father who died from combat related injuries. Changing the name of a respected military road is a slap in the face to all active duty military and veterans.
 - b. Kualakai trail was parallel to Ft. Barrette Rd. it was never the same path so just put a marker where the trail was.
 - c. All street names since 1978 have been Hawaiian, isn't that enough, why do we have to change other names that have historical meaning?
 - d. Are these same people going to ask to change Farrington hwy, Ft. Weaver Rd., and other names next year until all history is erased?
 - e. It is a waste of taxpayer money.
 - f. The general community is opposed to changine the history by changing street names.
- /s/ Garry P. Smith, CDR, USN, Ret.

awana3-Elenoa

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pam Smith
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/31/2009

Comments:

Please note my Opposition to HR87.

It is important to remember that the culture of Hawaii did not end with the monarchy. Historical events of the past 100 years have shaped us into what we are today. To deny the importance of Ft Barrette as a part of what these islands have become is to condemn future generation to ignorance of the important role it played in keeping these islands safe. Please deny this request to rename Ft Barrette Rd.

awana3-Elenoa

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Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

Our life is reflected in our history and without history we are nothing. Fort Barrette played an important role in Hawaii's history. Kualakai is a nice name for a trail that ran parallel to Fort Barrette road but as a generic name for ancient land use as a trail, it carries no particular meaning to the history of that part of Oahu. Therefore I strongly oppose changing the name of Fort Barrette road to Kualakai.

awana3-Elenoa

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Testimony for TRN 4/1/2009 8:30:00 AM HR87

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheryl Young Weis
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: cywins@omsoft.com
Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

I find the reason for the street name change to be incredulous. As I read HR No. 87, my mind shifted back to Waiamea Falls, Sacred Falls, Waikiki with only three (3) hotels, the International Market Place with local artists, the Lei vendors along Kalakaua. Look at what greed has done to Oahu. These people who want to change the name should instead be thankful for the name it has and should be reminded that but for military presence in the islands, they would all be speaking Japanese and not just to cater to the Japanese tourists as Hawaii has done for the past 25 or more years. While in school people from the mainland would ask about prejudice in the islands and I always said there was none...except maybe against the military. I guess I was right...and I see it still continues to this day. If the Ali'i ever came back from the dead they would be ashamed at what has been allowed to happen to the once beautiful Hawaiian Islands. Changing a name on a sign post is not going to make one difference, but getting rid of all the tee shirt and junk vendors and bringing back the lei vendors would make a much better change in my opinion. Leave the street name alone.