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LATE TESTIMONY

**Hawai'i State House of Representatives
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Representative Joseph M. Souki, Chair
Representative Karen-Leinani Awana, Vice-Chair**

**House Concurrent Resolution 254 and House Resolution 223
Hearing on April 6, 2009 10:00am
Conference Room 309**

**Testimony of Christine Woolaway, Vice President
Friends of Falls Of Clyde**

Chair Souki, Vice-Chair Awana, and Members of the House Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HCR 254 and HR 223.

Friends of Falls Of Clyde is in support of these resolutions. We are the owners and stewards of this wonderful National Historic Landmark. Friends is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization whose sole purpose is the preservation and restoration of this historic ship, *Falls Of Clyde*. These resolutions highlight some of her long history, including the last 40 years with her home ported in our Honolulu Harbor. During this time, *Falls Of Clyde* has been important for those interested in learning about maritime history and for those interested in experiencing the excitement of what it was like to sail on a ship. The *Falls* has also been the destination for thousands of school children as she served as an important corner stone of the Hawai'i Maritime Center which, in the past, ably served visitor and resident alike. Although the *Falls* has been allowed to deteriorate, we know that she can be restored to be again important as a destination for our residents and visitors as she was once. Friends of *Falls Of Clyde* are committed to the success of the effort to preserve and restore her. We believe that this resolution will make a public statement that the Hawai'i State Legislature values her as the National Historic Landmark she is and that she is a treasure to protect so that she can become again: a centerpiece of our waterfront providing an important link in our understanding of our maritime past and future.

Over these past months we have heard from a multitude of citizens some who call Hawai'i home, others who live elsewhere but all have wanted to share what the *Falls* has meant to them--a place of learning, a place to play and be at peace, a place to meet and a place for celebrations and for mourning. Over the years many people volunteered time to work on her, restore and protect her. Many lives have become intertwined with hers. Bob Krauss in his history of *Falls Of Clyde* referred to her as indestructible and she is and her restoration will prove it.

On behalf of the *Falls Of Clyde*, and for those that couldn't be here today, I would like to thank you for allowing me the privilege to testify in favor of these Resolutions.

Mahalo,

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WINDWARD AHUPUA'A ALLIANCE

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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Joseph Souki, Chair

Rep. Karen Leinani Awana, Vice Chair

10 am

Monday, April 6, 2009

Conference Room 309

HCR 254/HR 223

REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FALLS OF CLYDE AS A SAILING JEWEL OF HAWAII

SUPPORT WITH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT

I'm Shannon Wood speaking on behalf of the *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance* speaking in support of HCR 254/HR 223 as well as to offer two minor amendments.

WAA is committed to supporting the preservation & restoration of cultural and historical sites. I, both as an individual and on behalf *WAA*, am actively involved in the *Friends of Falls of Clyde*.

The premise behind this resolution is solid and worthy of your support. However, please correct the typo in the title by changing the word RECOGNIZING to RECOGNIZE:

REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FALLS OF CLYDE AS A SAILING JEWEL OF HAWAII

Also, the correct title of the current incarnation of the organization is the *Friends of Falls of Clyde* without the word the before the word *Falls*. The error is in the 13th WHEREAS.

Finally, *mahalo* to the 16 *House* member for signing on to HCR 254/HR 223 and to the *House Committee* on Transportation for hearing it.

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