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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009
7:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 24, SENATE DRAFT 1
URGING FULL PRESERVATION OF UNITED STATE MARINE CORPS AIR
STATION EWA AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT, MUSEUM AND RESTORED PARK
FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, Senate Draft 1 resolves to urge: 1) The Legislature to support the preservation of all or part of Marine Corps Air Station Ewa and supports the construction of a memorial or museum on this historic site; and 2) The Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to support the efforts to preserve and memorialize Marine Corps Air Station Ewa. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution.

As the concurrent resolution details, Marine Corp Air Station Ewa played a significant role in World War II as it was attacked before Japanese aircraft targeted Pearl Harbor. Three marines lost their lives in the initial attack on Hawaii, yet this part of the America's entry into World War II is overshadowed by the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Department believes that the Marine Corp Air Station Ewa represents a significant period in the history of Hawaii and the Nation and at the very least, parts of the Air Station should be incorporated into the Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

The Department is working with a group of interested individuals to nominate a portion of Marine Corp Air Station Ewa to the National Register of Historic Places. A National Monument designation would be an even more fitting tribute to the valor and sacrifices of all Marines.

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From: Colin K. Perry [perryc001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 6:03 AM
To: EBMtestimony
Subject: Support for S.C.R. 24 SD1

Sirs/Madams,

The Hawaii Aviation Preservation Society wishes to express our strong support of the preservation of MCAS Ewa to the **greatest extent possible**. This as yet undeveloped site offers a great historic perspective of the important part Hawaii, and Ewa in particular, played during the era of WWII and the Korean war. Please make every effort to preserve the site as a historic monument for future generations of Americans.

Respectfully,

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From: Dale Wilson [dr-dale@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: Preserve Marine Corps Air Station Ewa

Importance: High

Aloha!

I would like to add my voice to those who are weighing in on the side of preserving the site on which stood Marine Corps Air Station Ewa.

Every day, somewhere in our great nation, important places that once played a critical part in our history are lost—either to the ravages of time or the ever-spreading edges of our expanding population centers.

As a historian and Big Island resident, I would be remiss in not speaking out on this effort to preserve another site on which trod many of the heroes to whom we owe so much. My hope is that you will all cast your votes in the affirmative!

Respectfully Submitted

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History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Subject: Preserving the "PAST WILL PREVENT THE REPEATING OF IT"

" It's Vitally important to preserve our history" To fail to learn from history is to be sure that you will some day repeat it all over again"

" Our future generation's need a reminder of what we did as a Nation in the past".

They need to remember what their family members did to preserve the Pease they enjoy today.

Signed:

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