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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THAT THE KAPOLEI COURT COMPLEX BE RENAMED AS "THE RONALD T.Y. MOON JUDICIAL COMPLEX".

WHEREAS, Ronald T.Y. Moon has devoted more than four decades to serving Hawaii's judiciary, as a law clerk to United States District Court Judge Martin Pence, as a Deputy Prosecutor, as a respected attorney in private practice, as Circuit Court Judge, and as a distinguished member of Hawaii's Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Ronald T.Y. Moon was elevated to the position of Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court in 1993 and has served with distinction throughout his tenure on the State's highest court; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Justice Moon's leadership, Hawaii's judicial system has responded to the challenges of a rapidly growing state through innovative programs such as the Judicial Performance Project, the Committee on Jury Innovations for the Twenty-first Century, the Appellate Mediation Program, and the Access to Justice Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Justice Moon has been a strong advocate for the American principle of "Justice for All" by working to ensure equal access to the courts through his service as chair of the Conference of Chief Justices' Access to and Fairness in the Courts Committee and chair of the Americans with Disabilities Act Resource Center Advisory Committee, and vocal support of lawyers' pro bono service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Moon has been honored by the National Center for State Courts with that organization's Distinguished Service Award for longstanding contributions to the improvement of the justice system and support of the National Center's mission of leadership, service, and education; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Justice Moon has been honored by the government of the Republic of Korea with the Order of Civil Merit, one of the highest awards given by that country, in recognition of his contributions to the Korean community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Moon's unwavering support and tireless advocacy was instrumental in increasing access to the judicial system, especially for traditionally underserved communities on the Leeward Coast, by building the Kapolei Court Complex in West Oahu; and

 WHEREAS, the Kapolei Court Complex will increase access to the judicial system by relieving overcrowding, increasing public safety within the courthouse, providing a more convenient forum for the residents of West Oahu, and providing a location for services to the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that it be recommended that the Kapolei Court Complex be renamed the Ronald T.Y. Moon Judicial Complex in recognition of Chief Justice Moon's outstanding contributions to the State of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller and the State Judiciary.

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