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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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13           WHEREAS, under Chief Justice Moon's leadership, Hawaii's  
14 judicial system has responded to the challenges of a rapidly  
15 growing state through innovative programs such as the Judicial  
16 Performance Program, the Hawaii Committee on Jury Innovations  
17 for the 21st Century, the Hawaii Appellate Mediation Program,  
18 and the Access to Justice Commission; and

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

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28           WHEREAS, Chief Justice Moon has been honored by the  
29 National Center for State Courts with that organization's  
30 Distinguished Service Award for longstanding contributions to  
31 the improvement of the justice system and support of the  
32 National Center's mission of leadership, service, and education;  
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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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the House of Representatives concurring, 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 Governor of Hawaii, the Comptroller, and the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts.

OFFERED BY:

  
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