

---

---

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO REVISE SIGNAGE TO  
'HISTORIC LILIHA TOWN'.

1           WHEREAS, Liliha, located just northwest of downtown  
2 Honolulu is named for High Chieftess Kuini Liliha, past Governor  
3 of O'ahu, reflects a long and varied history of the ancient  
4 royalty of Hawai'i, is filled with the multiple generations of  
5 immigrants and their descendents reflecting their contributions  
6 politically as well as culturally, echoing the spiritual values  
7 of compassion and enlightenment through its many human service  
8 and religious organizations which care for needs of all of the  
9 people of Hawai'i; and

10  
11           WHEREAS, Liliha is most historic, named after High  
12 Chieftess Liliha, the daughter of High Chief Hoapili  
13 Ulumaheihei, Governor of Maui and companion of Kamehameha the  
14 Great, the man entrusted with the burial of his sacred bones,  
15 she is the granddaughter of Maui Chieftess Kalola; also known as  
16 Keomailani, Kuini or "Twinny", she was once the Governess of  
17 O'ahu and wife to High Chief Boki, Governor of O'ahu and  
18 guardian of Kamehameha III, she led a life of adventure and  
19 spirited independence and with her husband, Boki, donated the  
20 land for Oahu College now known as Punahou School; and

21  
22           WHEREAS, the area named for Liliha was recognized in the  
23 publication entitled "Hawaii's Historic Corridors" with excerpts  
24 from Historic Hawaii Foundation, and was acknowledged by the  
25 State Legislature in 2007 by the enactment of a House Concurrent  
26 Resolution recognizing Nuuanu-Liliha as a Historic Corridor,  
27 also was nominated as the first ever National Heritage Area by  
28 United States Congress reflecting the three major eras of  
29 Hawai'i's dynamic history, from pre-unification of the islands



1 by Kamehameha the Great, to the monarchy period, to the pre-  
2 Statehood period; and is surrounded by historic sites that enjoy  
3 the distinction of being listed on either the State or National  
4 Historic Registries, and is composed of street names reflecting  
5 many of the important figures in Hawai'i; and  
6

7 WHEREAS, Liliha continues a heritage of helping through  
8 meeting the disabled elderly populations' needs and is  
9 recognized as a friendly town, home to numerous healthcare and  
10 early civic organizations who have a history of serving the  
11 community at large through medical contributions of The Sisters  
12 of St. Francis Hospital, Kuakini Health Systems, Rehabilitation  
13 Hospital of the Pacific, the healing waters of Kunawai Springs,  
14 and almost two dozen other medical clinics and therapy centers,  
15 and the surrounding area is home to diverse civic, religious and  
16 spiritual organizations: Palama Settlement (1912); The Catholic  
17 Women's Guild (1857); the Ma'ema'e Chapel (1863); Young Buddhist  
18 Association (1900); Luke's Episcopal Church (1903); Korean  
19 Christian Church (1918); Hare Krishna (1969); United Church of  
20 Christ (1915); Liliha Shingon Mission (1912); Temple Emanu-El  
21 (1938); Saint Theresa Cathedral (1941), and others; and  
22

23 WHEREAS, the Liliha corridor maintains a historic sense of  
24 place for future generations reflecting the islands' history in  
25 receiving immigrants through Honolulu Harbor for over a century,  
26 as the first sub-division and the myriad of quaint "frozen in  
27 time" mom and pop stores from the 1940s and 1950s of pre-  
28 Statehood days; it is said to be the birthplace of saimin, it is  
29 the home of the first L&L Drive-In, the home of Liliha Bakery,  
30 and historic Jane's Fountain; it delights in having  
31 international consulates to include the Japanese and former  
32 Portuguese consulates, and the community gathers at annual luaus  
33 of the United Church of Christ and the Academy of the Pacific,  
34 Liliha-Palama Business Association holds an Annual Liliha  
35 Christmas Parade and the Annual "I Love Liliha" Town Festival  
36 and Day, held in August, is celebrated at the intersection of  
37 Kuakini and Liliha Streets, and other community events; now,  
38 therefore,  
39

40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests  
 2 that Liliha Street and the area spanning from Vineyard Boulevard  
 3 up Puunui with Alewa Drive and Houghtailing Street bordering the  
 4 West side and the Pali Highway being the border to the East, be  
 5 recognized as "Historic Liliha Town"; and  
 6

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of  
 8 Transportation and the City Department of Transportation  
 9 Services are encouraged to revise their signage to "Historic  
 10 Liliha Town"; and  
 11

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this recognition is non-  
 13 regulatory in nature and is for the purpose of fostering civic  
 14 pride of, encouraging good stewardship of, and further promoting  
 15 the area's resources to its residents and visitors; and  
 16

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 19 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of the State  
 20 Department of Transportation, Director of the Department of  
 21 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu,  
 22 Director of the Department on Planning and Permitting, each  
 23 member of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii who represents  
 24 residents of Historic Liliha Town and the Executive Director of  
 25 the Neighborhood Commission of the City and County of Honolulu,  
 26 who in turn is requested to transmit copies to the Chairperson  
 27 of any Neighborhood Board with jurisdiction over issues relating  
 28 to "Historic Liliha Town".  
 29  
 30  
 31

OFFERED BY:

*Carlene W. L. Cling*

*MF*

*Billevine*

*Claw*

*Barbara Manumoto*

*John M. Mages*

