
HOUSE 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

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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

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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
30 by Kamehameha the Great, to the monarchy period, to the pre-
31 Statehood period; and is surrounded by historic sites that enjoy



1 the distinction of being listed on either the State or National
2 Historic Registries, and is composed of street names reflecting
3 many of the important figures in Hawai'i; and
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5 WHEREAS, Liliha continues a heritage of helping through
6 meeting the disabled elderly populations' needs and is
7 recognized as a friendly town, home to numerous healthcare and
8 early civic organizations who have a history of serving the
9 community at large through medical contributions of The Sisters
10 of St. Francis Hospital, Kuakini Health Systems, Rehabilitation
11 Hospital of the Pacific, the healing waters of Kunawai Springs,
12 and almost two dozen other medical clinics and therapy centers,
13 and the surrounding area is home to diverse civic, religious and
14 spiritual organizations: Palama Settlement (1912); The Catholic
15 Women's Guild (1857); the Ma'ema'e Chapel (1863); Young Buddhist
16 Association (1900); Luke's Episcopal Church (1903); Korean
17 Christian Church (1918); Hare Krishna (1969); United Church of
18 Christ (1915); Liliha Shingon Mission (1912); Temple Emanu-El
19 (1938); Saint Theresa Cathedral (1941), and others; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Liliha corridor maintains a historic sense of
22 place for future generations reflecting the islands' history in
23 receiving immigrants through Honolulu Harbor for over a century,
24 as the first sub-division and the myriad of quaint "frozen in
25 time" mom and pop stores from the 1940s and 1950s of pre-
26 Statehood days; it is said to be the birthplace of saimin, it is
27 the home of the first L&L Drive-In, the home of Liliha Bakery,
28 and historic Jane's Fountain; it delights in having
29 international consulates to include the Japanese and former
30 Portuguese consulates, and the community gathers at annual luaus
31 of the United Church of Christ and the Academy of the Pacific,
32 Liliha-Palama Business Association holds an Annual Liliha
33 Christmas Parade and the Annual "I Love Liliha" Town Festival
34 and Day, held in August, is celebrated at the intersection of
35 Kuakini and Liliha Streets, and other community events; now,
36 therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
40 of 2012, that the Legislature requests that Liliha Street and
41 the area spanning from Vineyard Boulevard up Puunui with Alewa








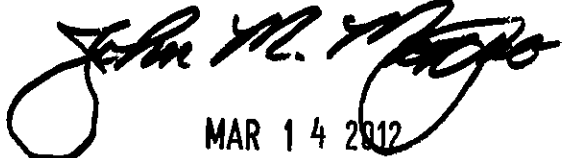
1 Drive and Houghtailing Street bordering the West side and the
2 Pali Highway being the border to the East, be recognized as
3 "Historic Liliha Town"; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
6 Transportation and the City Department of Transportation
7 Services are encouraged to revise their signage to "Historic
8 Liliha Town"; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this recognition is non-
11 regulatory in nature and is for the purpose of fostering civic
12 pride of, encouraging good stewardship of, and further promoting
13 the area's resources to its residents and visitors; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
17 Land and Natural Resources, the Director of the State Department
18 of Transportation, Director of the Department of Transportation
19 Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of the
20 Department on Planning and Permitting, each member of the
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii who represents residents of
22 Historic Liliha Town and the Executive Director of the
23 Neighborhood Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, who
24 in turn is requested to transmit copies to the Chairperson of
25 any Neighborhood Board with jurisdiction over issues relating to
26 "Historic Liliha Town".
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OFFERED BY:

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