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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE AND NAME THE  
WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY AS THE KEN  
YAMASE MEMORIAL TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY.

1           WHEREAS, Kenneth Kenji Yamase served the community for over  
2 forty years as a teacher at Ilima Intermediate in Ewa Beach, a  
3 baseball coach at Leilehua and Campbell High Schools, the  
4 athletic director, baseball coach, and girls basketball coach  
5 for Waiakea High School, and executive director of the Big  
6 Island Interscholastic Federation; and

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8           WHEREAS, Kenneth Kenji Yamase was a mentor in the big  
9 island community and worked with the philosophy of "respect  
10 yourself and others, play as one with unity, loyalty and  
11 humility"; and

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13           WHEREAS, Kenneth Kenji Yamase taught the American Sports  
14 Education Program's coaching principle class, built Waiakea High  
15 School's athletic program to be one of the most successful in  
16 the Big Island Interscholastic Federation, created the Waiakea  
17 athletic wall of fame, improved the athletic facilities, and  
18 implemented the moral foundation for coaches and athletes to  
19 grow and build upon; and

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21           WHEREAS, Kenneth Kenji Yamase was a vocal advocate for the  
22 neighbor island athletic programs, wanted equality for smaller  
23 leagues, had an open door policy, always explained and answered  
24 questions, believed in involving everyone in the Big Island  
25 Interscholastic Federation, and emphasized loyalty, especially  
26 to Waiakea High School; and

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28           WHEREAS, Kenneth Kenji Yamase's leadership was seen as  
29 productive, hands on, passionate, and fair; and  
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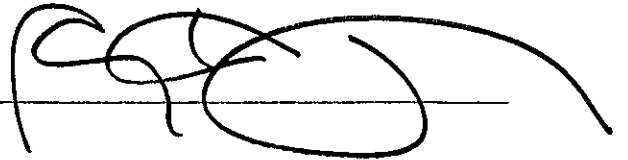
1 WHEREAS, Waiakea High School's track and field serves as a  
 2 testament to the legacy of Kenneth Kenji Yamase and as a  
 3 reminder to the community of a person who dedicated his time to  
 4 young athletes; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 7 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 8 Session of 2013, requests that the Board of Education and the  
 9 Department of Education recognize the significant  
 10 accomplishments of the late Kenneth Kenji Yamase by designating  
 11 and naming the track and field facility at Waiakea High School  
 12 in Hilo, Hawaii, as the Ken Yamase Memorial Track and Field  
 13 Facility; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of  
 17 the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the  
 18 Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and the Principal of Waiakea High  
 19 School.

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