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TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
on April 14, 2014

HCR 200

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO PLACE A PEACE POLE SCULPTURE NEAR THE KATSU GOTO MEMORIAL AND RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY OF HONOKA'A, THE HONOKA'A PEACE COMMITTEE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMEMORATING PEACE DAY.

Chair Wakai and members of the committee, I am Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Chairperson of the Commission on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am testifying to support the intent of HCR 200.

We are greatly moved by the efforts of the people of Honoka'a and the Honoka'a Peace Committee to commemorate the life of Katsu Goto; his beliefs and efforts for fair treatment and respect of labor in Hawai'i. For this, he put his own life, family and business in peril and was eventually slain.

While the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Works of Art Special Fund are restricted by statute and its collections policy from building memorials and contributing art for related purposes, we note that the Honoka'a Peace Committee has applied for a legislative grant in aid to support commemorative events honoring Mr. Goto. We ask the committee to consider funding this grant in aid. The SFCA also would be pleased to contribute the expertise of its Art in Public Places Program staff as the committee develops its plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.