HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO RENAME WEST LOCH COMMUNITY SHORELINE PARK IN EWA BEACH, OAHU, TO KAPAPAPUHI POINT PARK.

WHEREAS, West Loch Community Shoreline Park in Ewa Beach, Oahu is enjoyed by many tourists and residents for its scenic views, array of wildlife, walking trails, and quaint gazebos; and

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WHEREAS, West Loch Community Shoreline Park in Ewa Beach, Oahu, was originally named Kapapapuhi Point Park, according to maps from the early 1940s, because it is situated on Kapapapuhi Point; and

WHEREAS, "kapapapuhi" means the flat or laying eel and Hawaiian fishers describe a sacred kapapapuhi leading schools of mullet counterclockwise around Oahu, through Honouliuli in Ewa to the offshore waters of Kapapapuhi Point to help sustain fishers with a regular supply of fish; and

WHEREAS, the State finds that it is important to embrace Hawaiian culture, values, and traditions and to enhance the unique identity of its communities; and

WHEREAS, renaming West Loch Community Shoreline Park to its original name, Kapapapuhi Point Park, reflects the uniqueness of Kapapapuhi Point and its significance to the Hawaiian culture for the benefit of present and future generations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to take all necessary action to rename West Loch Community Shoreline Park to Kapapapuhi Point Park; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Chairperson of the Ewa Neighborhood Board.

OFFERED BY:

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