



GOV. MSG. NO. 1236

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB651 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT  
ACCESS ROAD  
**ACT 134 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Maui has no major  
2       roadways commemorating local political leaders and their roles  
3       in Maui history. Born in Paia, Maui, Elmer Franklin Cravalho  
4       served as the first mayor of Maui from 1969 to 1979 and was the  
5       first speaker of the state house of representatives following  
6       statehood.

7       Elmer F. Cravalho was first elected as a member of the  
8       territorial house of representatives in 1954. He became vice  
9       speaker of the territorial house of representatives in 1956, and  
10      then speaker of the territorial house of representatives in  
11      1959. He maintained his position as speaker of the state house  
12      of representatives through 1967, and then served as Maui  
13      county's first mayor until July 24, 1979.

14      The legislature recognizes that Mayor Cravalho first  
15      relayed Congress' approval of Hawaii's statehood to a cramped  
16      house of representatives in Iolani Palace. A photo of him



1 taking that famed phone call from John Burns in Washington, D.C.  
2 is part of the Hawaiian Airlines mural at the Kahului Airport.

3 Elmer F. Cravalho was known as a successful businessman and  
4 maintained several leadership roles in civic and other community  
5 organizations within the county of Maui. He is credited for  
6 much of Maui's development, especially the waterline from  
7 Wailuku to Wailea, which enabled the development of Kihei.  
8 Mayor Cravalho died on June 27, 2016.

9 The legislature further finds that the Kahului Airport  
10 Access Road officially opened less than one month after Mayor  
11 Cravalho's death. At the time, Dairy Road was the only roadway  
12 that led to the airport from south Maui. Kahului Airport Access  
13 Road connects Hana Highway to Lanui Loop and was built to  
14 relieve traffic congestion caused by two distinct types of  
15 automobile traffic on Dairy Road: airport users and the local  
16 community.

17 The legislature finds that Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho has a  
18 clear connection to Maui's history and that he should be  
19 remembered for his civil service by naming a highway in his  
20 honor.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to rename the  
2 Kahului Airport Access Road to the Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way.

3 SECTION 2. Route 3800, known as the Kahului Airport Access  
4 Road, on the island of Maui shall be renamed the "Mayor Elmer F.  
5 Cravalho Way".

6 SECTION 3. The renaming of Kahului Airport Access Road  
7 under this Act shall not be deemed to affect any federal or  
8 state funding for Kahului Airport Access Road.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN, 2021




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 16, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 651, SD 1, HD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 9, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives