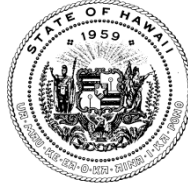


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S.B. 651, S.D. 1
RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD.

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill; however, the DOT would recommend that the more appropriate method would be to pass a Resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 22, 2021

TO: Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: March 24, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 651 SD1, RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI
AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to rename Kahului Airport Access Road on Maui as the Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I SUPPORT this measure for the following reasons:

1. Born in Paia, Maui, Elmer Franklin Cravalho served as the first Speaker of the State House of Representatives following statehood.
2. He maintained his position of Speaker of the House of until 1967 and then served as Maui County's first Mayor until 1979.
3. Mayor Cravalho oversaw much positive social and economic development during his tenure, and he should be remembered for his public service by naming a highway in his honor.

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.

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SB-651-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 4:23:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cora Constantino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly ask the committee to support SB651SD1

I have know Mayor Cravalho and worked for him. He has done a lot for our State and County of Maui.

SB-651-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 5:55:57 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Visitacion	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of SB651.

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Submitted on: 3/22/2021 7:26:42 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cora Constantino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB651 SD1 and ask the committee to support it as well. Mayor Cravalho has done alot for the State of Hawaii and The County of Maui.

SB-651-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 9:11:54 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alfredo G. Evangelista	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I'm submitting testimony in support of SB651 SD1 renaming Airport Access Way to Mayor Elmer Cravalho Way. Cravalho was the first Speaker of the House post-Statehood and the first Mayor of the County of Maui.

Cravalho accomplished a lot for the State of Hawaii and the County of Maui, especially in creating Maui as a premier destination for visitors. As Mayor, he limited tourism on Maui to the Kaanapali and Wailea areas and always emphasized Maui should go after the F.I.T.--the free independent traveler--instead of the large tour groups.

Renaming Airport Access Way would be a fitting tribute. At the end of Airport Access Way, it connects with Puunene Avenue and Kuihelani Highway. Kuihelani Highway to the front leads to the Kaanapali and Wailea areas. Puunene Avenue on the left leads to the old H.C.&.S. Sugar Mill while on the right leads to the initial increments of Kahului--known as Dream City--where plantation workers received deeds to homes with the phase out of the plantations. A little past the old H.C.&.S. Sugar Mill is the Maui Veterans Highway which was renamed from Mokulele Highway by the Legislatue in 2017 and became Act 11 with Governor Ige's signature.

Mayor Cravalho was always concerned about providing opportunities for locals and immigrants. He was instrumental in hiring many Filipinos to work for the County and to be the "First Filipino" in that capacity--whether it was Managing Director (Claro Capili) or Executive Assistant (Patrick Constantino).

Mayor Cravalho continued to be active in the community after retirement from elective office. He was on the Board of Water Supply and served as CEO of Kula Credit Union, which he co-founded.

He loved to share his man`ao and contributed greatly to the success of the State of Hawaii and the County of Maui.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2021 9:16:34 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/24/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Virgilio Agcolicol	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I am Virgilio "Leo" Agcolicol, a United States Army veteran and a retired (2013) bank officer (Bank Manager, Assistant Vice President, and Business Relationship Officer) of Central Pacific Bank, having been employed there for 46 years.

I am a long-time resident of Maui (since 1967) and been involved in the Maui Arts and Cultural Center (current member of the Board of Directors), Knights of Columbus (current District 9 Deputy), the J. Walter Cameron Center (past member of the Board of Directors), Disabled American Veterans (Lifetime Member), Veterans of Foreign Wars (Lifetime Member), and Vietnam Veterans of Maui (Lifetime Member).

I have been extremely active in the various Filipino community organizations on Maui and statewide, e.g., past president of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, past president of the Maui Filipino Community Council, and past president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce. I was also a radio announcer for over fifty years on KMVI, KNUI and KCountry FM 106.1.

I knew Mayor Cravalho since 1967 and over the years, worked with him on a variety of community issues involving not only Maui's Filipino community but the general community as well. I believe naming the current Airport Access Way after Speaker/Mayor Cravalho would be an excellent way to honor the first Speaker of the House after statehood and Maui's first Mayor. He was instrumental in developing the tourism industry on Maui, knowing there would be a need to transition from the plantations in order to have a stronger economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 283-6943.