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Testimony for WAM on 3/4/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Hendrickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB651

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

Comments:

I have worked with Mayor Cravalho and have learn a lot from him. Our great State of Hawaii and County of Maui is great because of this man. I strongly suport SB651 and ask you committee to make a decision to apporve and pass out of your committee and out to the Senate floor for final approval.

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

Comments:

I have worked with Mayor Cravalho as Assistant Sargerant of Arms for the State Legislature, 1963-64. I also was appointed Executive Assistant to the Mayor when Mayor Cravalho was elected the First Mayor of the County of Maui. Through his leadership the State of Hawaii and County of Maui has accomplished many things. Mayor Cravalho has always put his community first and always made decisions for the good of our community.

I strongly ask your committee to make a decision to approve and pass out of your committee, and to the Senate floor for final approval.

Thank you for allowing me to testify for SB651

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March 2, 2021

TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

DATE: March 3, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 651, 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 state house of representatives through 1967 and then served as Maui county's first mayor until July 24, 1979.
3. Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho has a clear connection to Maui's history, and he should be remembered for his civil service by naming a highway in his honor.

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

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

Comments:

I support SB651 and ask the Committee to make a decision to pass out of committee to the Senate floor for final approval. I am a Maui-born Hawaii resident and Mayor Cravalho positively impacted many on Maui and throughout the State. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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

Comments:

Aloha.

I'm submitting testimony in support of SB 651 renaming Airport Access Road to Mayor Elmer Cravalho Way. Cravalho was not only the first Mayor of the County of Maui but also the first Speaker of the House post-Statehood.

Cravalho did a lot for the State of Hawaii and the County of Maui, especially in creating Maui as a premier destination for visitors, making it appropriate to name the Kahului Airport Access Road after him. At the end of Airport Access Way, it intersects with Puunene on the left (where the old HC&S Sugar Mill was), the initial increments of Kahului--known as Dream City--on the right (where plantation workers received deeds to their home with the closure of plantation housing)--and Kuihelani Highway in the front--leading to the resort areas of Kaanapali and Wailea. (What's also noteworthy is that to the left is the Maui Veterans Highway which was renamed from Mokulele Highway by the Legislature in 2017 and became law--Act 11 (2017)--with Governor Ige's signature.)

As Speaker, Cravalho was credited with being in charge of Governor John Burns' New Hawaii Program. As Mayor, Cravalho 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.

Cravalho was very passionate about providing opportunities for locals and immigrants. As Mayor, he was instrumental in hiring many Filipinos to work at the County and to be the "first Filipino" in that capacity--whether it was Managing Director (Claro Capili) or Executive Assistant (Patrick Constantino). He made sure folks knew Richard Caldito was the first Councilman of Filipino ancestry in the United States or Rafael Acoba was the first Lieutenant in the Maui Police Department.

Cravalho was also a successful businessman and passionate community leader. After retirement from elective office, he served on the Board of Water Supply and also was the CEO of the Kula Credit Union, which he co-founded.

Like all politicians, he loved to talk story and share his mana`o. Without question, Crvalho was a colorful guy and contributed to the success of the State of Hawaii and County of Maui. He was a giant among Maui's elected government officials.

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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.