
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RENAME THE JAMES B. CASTLE HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD AFTER FORMER REPRESENTATIVE KEN ITO.

1 WHEREAS, James B. Castle High School, also known as Castle
2 High School, is the largest of four high schools in the Windward
3 District and serves a socio-economically diverse community from
4 suburban Kaneohe to rural Kualoa; and

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6 WHEREAS, Castle High School has a population of over 1,100
7 students from grades nine through twelve; and

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9 WHEREAS, after fifty-six years in existence, pride for
10 Castle High School is deeply ingrained in longtime Kaneohe
11 residents; and

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13 WHEREAS, Castle High School's football team, the Castle
14 Knights, is an exemplary high school athletic program that gives
15 young athletes to the opportunity to learn about the sport and
16 apply themselves in a competitive setting against other high
17 schools in the State; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Castle Knights have achieved many
20 accomplishments in Hawaii athletics, including winning the Oahu
21 Interscholastic Association championship in 2002; and

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23 WHEREAS, Castle High School and its football program
24 continue to provide students quality education and important
25 life skills, including teamwork, leadership, physical health,
26 and wellness; and

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28 WHEREAS, former Representative Ken Ito served in the State
29 House of Representatives for over twenty-three years; and
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1 WHEREAS, before beginning his work as a public servant in
2 the House of Representatives, Representative Ito served in the
3 United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966, taught as a public
4 school teacher at Kalani High School from 1970 to 1987, and
5 served as a Department of Education vocational technical
6 resource teacher in the Honolulu District Office from 1987 to
7 1994; and

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9 WHEREAS, Representative Ito was elected to serve House
10 District 48, beginning in January of 1995, and later, after
11 redistricting, he served House District 49 until 2018; and

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13 WHEREAS, while serving in the House of Representatives,
14 Representative Ito served as the Chair of the House Committees
15 on Education; Public Safety and Military Affairs; Water, Land
16 and Ocean Resources; and Veterans, Military, & International
17 Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, shepherding many measures
18 through the committees he oversaw that became laws benefiting
19 the people of Hawaii; and

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21 WHEREAS, Representative Ito has been of constant support
22 for Castle High School, including serving as part of the James
23 B. Castle Alumni & Community Association and James B. Castle
24 High School Band-Aid Association, and earning the honor of being
25 placed on the Castle Knights Athletic Wall of Honor in 2016; and

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27 WHEREAS, Representative Ito was instrumental in securing
28 funds for Castle High School's current football field; now,
29 therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education is
34 urged to rename the James B. Castle High School football field
35 after former Representative Ken Ito in recognition of his work
36 for the State, his community, and Castle High School; and

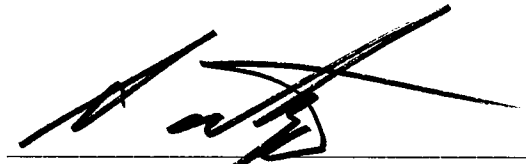
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
40 Board of Education and the interim Superintendent of Education.



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