
HOUSE 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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31 WHEREAS, before beginning his work as a public servant in
32 the House of Representatives, Representative Ito served in the
33 United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966, taught as a public



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1 school teacher at Kalani High School from 1970 to 1987, and
2 served as a Department of Education vocational technical
3 resource teacher in the Honolulu District Office from 1987 to
4 1994; and

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

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

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

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24 WHEREAS, Representative Ito was instrumental in securing
25 funds for Castle High School's current football field; now,
26 therefore,

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

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
37 Education and the interim Superintendent of Education.

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40 OFFERED BY: 

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