
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANIKAI BIKEWAY AND RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF TED RODGERS AND CYNTHIA THIELEN WHO LED THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH IT.

1 WHEREAS, the Lanikai Bikeway officially opened on July 1,
2 1972, after months of organizing by the Lanikai Association and
3 residents like Ted Rodgers and Cynthia Thielen for safer
4 roadways; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Lanikai Bikeway was created in response to a
7 near-fatal incident when the tire of student Linda Bell's
8 bicycle hit a rock, which caused her to fall into the roadway;
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11 WHEREAS, immediately after her fall, an oncoming vehicle
12 came within inches of colliding with Bell's head; and

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14 WHEREAS, at the time of Bell's incident, two-way vehicle
15 traffic along Lanikai's narrow roadways left inadequate space
16 for the growing number of bikers in the area; and

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18 WHEREAS, a survey conducted by Cynthia Thielen and other
19 parents in the community counted that approximately six hundred
20 bicycles were in use in Lanikai and most of Lanikai's bicycle
21 riders were children; and

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23 WHEREAS, Cynthia Thielen was among a group of concerned
24 parents that proposed a dedicated bikeway and new traffic
25 configuration in Lanikai after Bell's incident; and

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27 WHEREAS, plans for establishing a one-way traffic loop and
28 bikeway along Aalapapa Drive and Mokulua Drive received
29 widespread approval from the Lanikai community and was the first
30 traffic configuration of its kind on the island of Oahu; and



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2 WHEREAS, with the support of the Lanikai Association and
3 its president, Ted Rodgers, a petition with signatures from two-
4 hundred and sixty-two families was successfully submitted to the
5 City and County of Honolulu and plans to build the Lanikai
6 Bikeway and establish the new traffic configuration were
7 approved; and
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9 WHEREAS, as a direct result of Cynthia Thielen's advocacy
10 and Ted Rodger's leadership, the Lanikai Bikeway increased safe
11 bike transportation in Kailua, with an expansion to the bikeway
12 built in 1995; and
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14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor Ted Rodgers and Cynthia
15 Thielen as leaders of distinction who unified the Lanikai
16 community; and
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18 WHEREAS, an official recognition of Ted Rodgers' and
19 Cynthia Thielen's leadership in advocating for the Lanikai
20 Bikeway will serve as a permanent reminder of their tangible
21 contributions to protecting the community; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of
26 Honolulu is urged to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the
27 Lanikai Bikeway and recognize the efforts of Ted Rodgers and
28 Cynthia Thielen who led the efforts to establish it; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
32 and County of Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and
33 President of the Lanikai Association.

