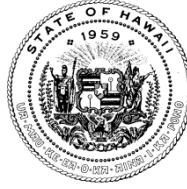


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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill; however, the DOT would recommend that the more appropriate method would be to pass a Resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL P. VICTORINO  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Thursday, February 18, 2021, 3 p.m.  
Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

**HB775 RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD**

Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB775**.

This bill renames Kahului Airport Access Road on Maui to Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way.

Mayor Elmer Cravalho is known as an iconic figure, in Maui County and around the state, for his work in creating a robust economy in tourism and high technology. He moved barriers to create affordable housing for residents and built the existing Kalana O Maui building, the seat of Maui County government.

**I strongly urge you to pass this measure, HB775.**

**HB-775**

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 2:50:21 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/18/2021 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Let's stop personifying people and honor people who will never be forgotten by investing in a modern Hawaiian history text that will educate our children as to who the prized people were. You're going to confuse the tourists, stop it.

Furthermore, you might want to name that road after some of the dead people who are buried beneath it. Did you ever think about honoring the people that your state blatantly disrespects daily? You can't come up with a Treaty of Annexation, the least thing you can do is to acknowledge the people that you built on top of.

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**HB-775**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alfredo G. Evangelista	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I'm submitting testimony in support of HB775 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.