

HCR-74

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Mizota	Kaneohe Bakery	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

o the Honorable Legislators,

my name is Craig Mizota. I am a Castle High School graduate(86) along with my father Glenn (45)Mizota, my brother , Bryan Mizota (85), my wife , Kendra (90), my sister, Joni (80), my brother in law Mark Ishiki (79) and numerous Other family members .

Our family has been residents in Kaneohe and alumni of castle high school over 4 generations . We have had a very successful business (Kaneohe bakery), as well as having the opportunity to serve and celebrate the good and bad times with the people in Kaneohe .

On behalf of the Mizota Family. we have had the honor to work with the former representative Ken Ito for many years from the time he got elected. We believed that he has always wanted the best for our community- especially our schools. Kaneohe is a very wet and rainy area . My family can attest to growing up playing, having fundraisers , a carnival, homecoming and graduation, and assemblies and the only thing remembering was getting stuck walking on a vey muddy , unsafe and hazardous field . It was ugly , dangerous and embarrassing. So embarrassing that there used to be a motto "no be shame , come to the game " about castle football before the field was fixed. If it wasn't for Ken's vision and persistence, the field would still be one of the worst and dangerous places in the state and right now it's not. It's beautiful.

We fully support HCR 67 and hope that this resolution be forwarded to the board of education as, it should be named after the person who deserves making the field a reality instead of just talking about it . please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you

Craig Mizota

March 23, 2022

TESTIMONY

HCR NO 74 – IN SUPPORT

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

Aloha Chair and members of the House and Senate,

It touches my heart to hear that the Castle High School football field will be renamed after my former boss and friend Ken Ito. I've known Ken for many years, and worked for him for more than 10 years. What I remember most about Ken is his love and commitment to the Windward community not to mention Castle High School. Throughout his tenure he persevered in making Castle High School a place we could all be proud of. His resolve to make Castle's football field a quality sports arena was strengthen after attending a home-coming ceremony in the '90s and seeing all the participants, including the designated queen, trudge over mud across the field. Ken made up his mind that was not going to happen again. Thank you Ken for all you have done for the Windward community.

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Carleen Yokotake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of HCR74. Ken Ito is a pillar of the Kaneohe community and has enhanced the quality of life for so many in his many years of service. He is one of the most selfless and hard-working public servants I have ever met. When I learned of this bill urging the BOE to name Castle High School's football field after Ken Ito, I had to write this letter in support of that bill. As a graduate of Castle High School in the early 80s, I know that while it was functional, our football field and athletic facility, in general, were in dire need of improvement. Ken Ito saw this need and immediately did all he could to secure the resources necessary to upgrade the field to one that is now state of the art. This benefits the students and the larger community in immeasurable ways. Now when students and community members use or visit the field for different activities/events, there is a real sense of pride which definitely enhances everyone's well-being. In short, this is just one of the countless contributions Ken Ito has made to the community he so enthusiastically served in his tenure. Ken truly deserves this honor and it is without reservation that I endorse renaming Castle High School's football field after Ken Ito.

Sincerely,

Carleen Yokotake

Testimony
George Okuda
House Committee on Education
Hearing March 24, 2022
HCR74/HR67
“Urging The Board of Education to Rename The James B. Castle High
School Football Field After Former Representative Ken Ito”

Chair Justin Woodson, Vice-Chair Jeanne Kapela, and members of the House Committee on Education, my name is George Okuda and I submit testimony in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 74/House Resolution 64 (HCR74/HR67), “URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RENAME THE JAMES B. CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD AFTER FORMER REPRESENTATIVE KEN ITO.”

Throughout his career as an educator, first as a vocational technical instructor at Kalani High School and later as a Department of Education Honolulu District vocational technical resource teacher in the Honolulu District, Ken Ito, EdD., always felt that Hawaii’s public high school students deserved the best in physical facilities, programs, equipment, etc. As a vocational technical instructor and a vocational technical resource teacher Ken Ito, EdD., always did his utmost to provide the best in vocational programs and equipment to his students at Kalani High School and later to all vocational technical students in the Honolulu District.

Since 1994, when Ken Ito, EdD., was first elected to the Hawaii State House of Representatives to represent the greater Kane`ohe, of which James B. Castle High School was an integral part., Ken felt that he could do more for the students at James B. Castle High School by providing the best facilities. During his 24 years representing Kane`ohe Ken secured the necessary funding to build a new science building, renovate the Ron Bright Theater, build a new gymnasium, and build a new football stadium at James B. Castle High School. Additionally, for all that Ken Ito, EdD., did for the student athletes at James B. Castle High School Ken was honored by being placed on the Castle Knights Athletic Wall of Honor in 2016.

For all that Ken Ito, EdD., has done for Hawaii’s public high school students, especially the students at James B. Castle High School, both as an educator and a member of the Hawaii State House of Representatives it is only fitting that the James B. Castle High School football field be named the “Ken Ito Field.”

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
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March 24, 2022 (Thursday)

My name is Eric H. Kanda, and I am testifying in support of House Resolution No. 67 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 74. I believe that you've made an excellent choice to glorify Castle High School football field with his name as to recognized and thank him for his extra-ordinary support to James B. Castle High School.

I knew about him when I lived in Kahaluu and Kaneohe-town. He has always been a well-respected individual and being a long-time educator with a master's degree in education, I could see why he believe in our youth to get a good education and become better citizen. I found out that he had help to support Castle High School's gym and developed its current Football Field and surrounding facilities. In sports, we are able to teach more about yourself and life amongst others within a safe environment, while developing the skills to better oneself as an individual or as a team.

All four (4) of my kids graduated from Castle High School between year 2000 to 2016 and they had benefited from this. Even the many young individuals that I've coached in recreation and/or club teams had played on Castle's Baseball, Softball and Soccer field. I've once help with the track team and was an OIA Track and Field Official for serveral years. I've also been a soccer referee for over ten (10) years and as an official, Castle High School has become one of the best arenas on the Windward side. Thanks to former House of Representative Ken Ito.

I got to know him personally within the past five (5) years and I like his candor and mindset. I respect him even more, cause during his retirement, he still wants to help our community and the State of Hawaii. We are very luck he believes in us.

I believe the Kaneohe community knows all of what he has done for the community for such a long 23-years and what's better to show our appreciation is to dedicate and identify Castle High School Football Field with his name, House of Representative Ken Ito.

Therefore, I strongly support to pass House Resolution No. 67 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 74.

Thank You.



Eric H. Kanda