

HR-67

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of HR67. 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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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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