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H.B. 775
RELATING TO RENAMING KAHULUI AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill to rename the Kahului Airport Access Road on the island of Maui to the Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho Way.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-775

Submitted on: 3/28/2021 8:37:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Chair Alice L. Lee | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

HB-775

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 11:10:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| John D. Smith | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support.

HB-775

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 4:24:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Alan Visitacion | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support HB775.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2021 8:23:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Patrick Constantino | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support HB775 and ask the committee to make a decision to approve and pass out of committee. Great man for our State and County of Maui!

HB-775

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:03:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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 Legislature in 2017 and became Act 11 with Governor Ige's signatur--so there is precedent to rename highways through bills versus resolutions.

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.

HB-775

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 2:56:59 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM



| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Virgilio Agcolicol | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha. I am Virgilio "Leo" Agcolicol, a United States Army veteran and a retired (2013) bank officer (Bank Manager, Assistant Vice President, and Business Relationship Officer) of Central Pacific Bank, having been employed there for 46 years.

I am a long-time resident of Maui (since 1967) and been involved in the Maui Arts and Cultural Center (current member of the Board of Directors), Knights of Columbus (current District 9 Deputy), the J. Walter Cameron Center (past member of the Board of Directors), Disabled American Veterans (Lifetime Member), Veterans of Foreign Wars (Lifetime Member), and Vietnam Veterans of Maui (Lifetime Member).

I have been extremely active in the various Filipino community organizations on Maui and statewide, e.g., past president of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, past president of the Maui Filipino Community Council, and past president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce. I was also a radio announcer for over fifty years on KMVI, KNUI and KCountry FM 106.1.

I knew Mayor Cravalho since 1967 and over the years, worked with him on a variety of community issues involving not only Maui's Filipino community but the general community as well. I believe naming the current Airport Access Way after Speaker/Mayor Cravalho would be an excellent way to honor the first Speaker of the House after statehood and Maui's first Mayor. He was instrumental in developing the tourism industry on Maui, knowing there would be a need to transition from the plantations in order to have a stronger economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 283-6943.

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Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2021 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Cora Constantino | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support House Bill 775, HD1