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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE DESIGNATION OF GALBRAITH LANDS AS IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE THEM AS AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, when the Legislature enacted Act 183, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2005, establishing important agricultural lands, it
3 declared that the people of Hawaii have a substantial interest
4 in the health and sustainability of agriculture as an industry
5 in the State and that there is a compelling state interest in
6 conserving the State's agricultural land resource base and
7 ensuring the long-term availability of agricultural lands for
8 agricultural use; and
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10 WHEREAS, this is in accord with the State's responsibility
11 under Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution to
12 conserve and protect agricultural lands; and
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14 WHEREAS, certain agricultural lands are also important
15 because of their special historical, cultural, and visual value
16 to the State and are akin in many ways to landmarks; and
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18 WHEREAS, these "historic agricultural landmarks" should be
19 preserved and perpetuated as agricultural land for the benefit
20 of the people of Hawaii; and
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22 WHEREAS, agricultural lands, such as the George Galbraith
23 Trust agricultural lands north of Wahiawa, Oahu, are intertwined
24 with the historic and cultural fabric of the surrounding towns
25 and their people; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Galbraith lands in question are pineapple
28 plantation lands and home to former and current pineapple



1 workers, many of whom have lived and worked on the pineapple
2 plantation lands for decades; and

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4 WHEREAS, many of the workers who left the pineapple
5 plantation camps settled in surrounding towns, and their
6 families are still living there today; and

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8 WHEREAS, the pineapple industry is a significant part of
9 Hawaii's history; and

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11 WHEREAS, Wahiawa, in particular, was once known as "The
12 City of Pines" or "Land of a Million Pines" and considered the
13 hub of the world's pineapple industry; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Galbraith lands in question are, in essence, a
16 prime example of agricultural lands that have a special
17 historical, cultural, and visual value to the people of Hawaii;
18 and

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20 WHEREAS, part III of chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
21 establishes standards and criteria for the identification, as
22 well as the designation, of important agricultural lands; and

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24 WHEREAS, state and county agricultural policies, tax
25 policies, land use plans, ordinances, and rules are required to
26 promote the long-term viability of agricultural use of lands
27 designated as important agricultural lands by, among other
28 things, facilitating the long-term dedication of important
29 agricultural lands for future agricultural use through the use
30 of incentives; and

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32 WHEREAS, instead of acquiring the Galbraith lands in
33 question, the State should restrict the land use to preserve and
34 perpetuate it as agricultural land for the continuing benefit of
35 the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
38 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
39 that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to initiate and
40 advance the process, pursuant to section 205-47, Hawaii Revised



1 Statutes, to identify and map the Galbraith lands in question as
2 important agricultural lands; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu City Council is
5 urged to adopt the important agricultural lands maps delineating
6 the Galbraith lands in question, once they are submitted; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
9 and the Office of Planning are urged to support the designation
10 of the Galbraith lands in question, as important agricultural
11 lands; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon receipt of the important
14 agricultural lands maps delineating the Galbraith lands in
15 question, the Land Use Commission is urged to identify and
16 designate the Galbraith lands in question, as important
17 agricultural lands; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once the Galbraith lands, in
20 question, are identified and designated as important
21 agricultural lands, the Land Use Commission and the City and
22 County of Honolulu are urged to restrict the land use to
23 facilitate the long-term dedication of the Galbraith lands in
24 question, as agricultural lands to preserve and perpetuate the
25 lands for the continuing benefit of the people of Hawaii; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of
29 Agriculture, the Director of the Office of Planning, the Chair
30 of the Land Use Commission, the Chair of the Honolulu City
31 Council, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.
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