
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE NUUANU-LILIHA CORRIDOR AS THE NUUANU-LILIHA
HISTORIC CORRIDOR.

1 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha area was recently selected as
2 the Historic Corridor for the Island of O'ahu in a recent
3 publication; a corridor which extends from the Pali Lookout,
4 through Chinatown and ending at Honolulu Harbor; the Nuuanu-
5 Liliha corridor uniquely reflects the three major eras of
6 Hawaii's dynamic history, from pre-unification of the islands by
7 Kamehameha the Great, to the monarchy period, and finally to the
8 pre-Statehood era; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor reflects all of Hawaii
11 from the Battle of Nuuanu in which Kamehameha the Great unified
12 the islands, through its myriad of multicultural temples, its
13 quaint "frozen in time" mom and pop stores from the 1940s and
14 1950s pre-Statehood days and through Honolulu Harbor, which
15 received many of our multi-ethnic immigrants for over a century;
16 this corridor houses most obviously some of the most important
17 natural and cultural resources of our State and nation; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor houses one of only
20 three royal palaces in the nation as well as the location where
21 King Kamehameha defeated his last opponent and unified the
22 Hawaiian islands; and
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24 WHEREAS, the corridor abounds with sites that enjoy the
25 distinction of being listed on either the State or National
26 Historic Registry, or both, including the Queen Emma Summer
27 Palace and Grounds, the Sanju Pagoda, and the Prince David
28 Kawanakoa Playground; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Liliha neighborhood, named for High Chiefess
31 Kuini Liliha, once the governor of O'ahu, is just northwest of
32 downtown Honolulu and has a history as long and varied as the



1 generations of immigrants who settled there to be close to
2 Honolulu's jobs but distant enough to live affordably; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor is said to be the
5 birthplace of saimin, and the home of the first and original L&L
6 Drive-In, now an international chain, which opened on Liliha
7 Street in 1959; and
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9 WHEREAS, the area is home to many religious denominations:
10 the Ma'ema'e Chapel (1863); Young Buddhist Association (1900);
11 Luke's Episcopal Church (1903); and the Korean Christian Church
12 (1918); and
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14 WHEREAS, the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor is one of the State's
15 healthiest neighborhoods, with Kuakini Health Systems, Hawaii
16 Medical Center, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, and
17 almost two dozen other medical clinics and therapy centers; and
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19 WHEREAS, Chinatown is a vibrant part of the community and
20 made up of many ethnic groups who take pride in carrying on the
21 tradition and culture of their respective home countries;
22 Chinatown has a rich history in entrepreneurial activity and
23 business enterprise, which continues to benefit the State and
24 its communities to this day; Chinatown is the gateway to Hawaii
25 for many immigrants and has been recognized by the White House
26 Advisory Council on Historical Preservation as a Preserve
27 America Community Neighborhood; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
32 recognizes the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor as the Nuuanu-Liliha
33 Historic Corridor; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this recognition is non-
36 regulatory in nature and is for the purpose of fostering civic
37 pride of, encouraging good stewardship of, and further marketing
38 the area's resources to its residents and visitors; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
42 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of
43 Transportation, each member of the Legislature of the State of



1 Hawaii who represents residents of the Nuuanu-Liliha historic
2 corridor, and the Executive Director of the Neighborhood
3 Commission of the City and County of Honolulu, who in turn is
4 requested to transmit copies to the Chairperson of any
5 Neighborhood Board with jurisdiction over issues relating to the
6 Nuuanu-Liliha historic corridor area.

