HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO. **81**

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE THE REEF RUNWAY AS THE FRANK T. OKIMOTO REEF RUNWAY.

WHEREAS, to alleviate aircraft noise patterns over Honolulu 1 and the surrounding areas, the Reef Runway was constructed on 2 coral reef adjacent to the Honolulu International Airport in 3 1977; and 4 5 6 WHEREAS, construction of the Reef Runway cost \$89,000,000; 7 and 8 9 WHEREAS, the Reef Runway is the world's first major runway built entirely offshore; and 10 11 12 WHEREAS, the engineering achievements of the Reef Runway 13 earned the project two awards: one of the Ten Outstanding Engineering Achievements Awards in the United States in 1977 14 from the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the 15 Aviation Environment Award from the Federal Aviation 16 Administration, which had only been awarded once before; and 17 18 WHEREAS, the runway was designed to serve as an alternative 19 landing site for the Space Shuttle; and 20 21 22 WHEREAS, the Project Engineer for the Reef Runway was the late Frank T. Okimoto, who served as an airports civil engineer 23 24 from 1967 until his untimely passing in 1978; and 25 WHEREAS, because Frank T. Okimoto fully supported 26 27 environmental surveys regarding the design and construction of the Reef Runway, great care was taken during the design and 28 construction of the Reef Runway to minimize the environmental 29 30 impacts of the runway on surrounding areas, including any impacts on the indigenous bird population of the region, 31 resulting in improved water guality; and 32



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1 WHEREAS, according to the "State of Hawaii, Department of 2 Transportation, Report to the Governor, Fiscal Years 1978 and 3 1979", Frank T. Okimoto's "insight, questions and exacting 4 standards motivated the highest goals from everyone connected 5 with the project. In respect and affection from co-workers, the 6 Reef Runway has been called 'Frank's Runway'"; and 7

8 WHEREAS, designating the Reef Runway as the Frank T. 9 Okimoto Reef Runaway will not adversely affect any state or 10 federal funding for the runway or Daniel K. Inouye International 11 Airport; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Department of Transportation is requested to designate the Reef Runway at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport as the Frank T. Okimoto Reef Runway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to erect and maintain appropriate signage for the Frank T. Okimoto Reef Runway; and 22

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
and Director of Transportation.

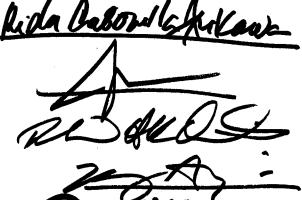
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