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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE LIBRARIAN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION TO
DEDICATE A SECTION WITHIN THE KAILUA PUBLIC IN HONOR OF
FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA THIELEN.

1 WHEREAS, former State Representative Cynthia Thielen was
2 born on September 22, 1933, in Los Angeles, California; attended
3 Stanford University and Case Western Reserve University; and
4 earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii
5 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
6 William S. Richardson School of Law; and

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8 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen was first elected to the
9 State of Hawaii House of Representatives in 1990 as the State
10 Representative for House District 50, comprising the Kailua and
11 Kaneohe Bay areas of Oahu; and

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13 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen represented District 50 for
14 three consecutive decades until her retirement in 2020; and

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16 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen was a respected leader
17 throughout her tenure in the Legislature, serving as Minority
18 Floor Leader from 1992 to 1997 and Assistant Minority Leader at
19 the time of her retirement; and

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21 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen was well-respected by both
22 Democratic and Republican members of the Legislature for her
23 bipartisanship and served as a unifying voice to promote causes
24 such as gender equality, environmental protection, and
25 industrial hemp production; and

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27 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen's unifying leadership often
28 extended beyond the Legislature, including the time and
29 resources she contributed directly to the Kailua community; and
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1 WHEREAS, one of Representative Thielen's lasting
2 contributions to Kailua is the leadership she provided in
3 several projects at the Kailua Public Library; and
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5 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen is one of the first life-
6 time members of the Friends of Kailua Library, a non-profit
7 organization established in 1989 that raises funds for special
8 projects and programs that enrich the services of the State of
9 Hawaii Public Library System beyond the limits of the funds
10 appropriated or authorized from state and federal funds; and
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12 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen, through the Friends of
13 Kailua Library, founded the Birthday Book Club, which collects
14 books to be donated to the Kailua Public Library in honor of a
15 person's birthday; and
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17 WHEREAS, Representative Thielen further supported and
18 guided the Friends of Kailua Library by establishing a public-
19 private partnership with the State of Hawaii in 1999 to obtain
20 matching funds for a grant from the Harold K.L. Castle
21 Foundation; and
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23 WHEREAS, funds from this grant partnership led to the
24 creation of a master renovation plan for the Kailua Public
25 Library, with special focus on the library's circulation area,
26 workroom, and administration offices; and
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28 WHEREAS, as a direct result of Representative Thielen's
29 efforts to secure funding for the renovation, the Kailua Public
30 Library was expanded to accommodate a greater number of patrons
31 and services; and
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33 WHEREAS, Kailua Public Library remains an important
34 gathering place for people of all ages and literacy levels; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Board of Education is the policy setting and
37 governing authority for the Hawaii State Public Library System
38 and the State Librarian; and
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40 WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy 600-4 provides that a
41 room or section within a library facility may be named for any
42 person for a meritorious reason; provided that the proposal for



1 the naming is reviewed and recommended by the State Librarian
2 and approved by the Board of Education; and
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4 WHEREAS, this body finds that it is appropriate to honor
5 Representative Thielen as a leader of distinction who served the
6 people of Kailua with respect and integrity; and
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8 WHEREAS, dedicating a section within the Kailua Public
9 Library in Representative Thielen's name will serve as a
10 permanent reminder of her tangible contributions to the facility
11 and her commitment to unifying the community; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Librarian
16 and Board of Education are requested to dedicate a section
17 within the Kailua Public Library in honor of former State
18 Representative Cynthia Thielen; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Librarian,
22 Chairperson of the Board of Education Committee on Public
23 Libraries, Branch Manager of the Kailua Public Library, and
24 Chair of the Executive Board of the Friends of Kailua Library.
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