HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INTERVENE IN THE SITUATION AT SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK AND USE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL MEANS TO TAKE CONTROL OF SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, Sunset Memorial Park, located in Pearl City on Oahu, is currently in legal limbo as the company that owned the cemetery involuntarily dissolved in 2006 and the company's owner passed away in 2011; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Sunset Memorial Park has been neglected for years, leading to safety concerns for those with family members buried at the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, sunken graves and overgrown vegetation make it difficult for family members to find loved ones buried at Sunset Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, Sunset Memorial Park has also been the subject of vandalism, with thieves displacing ashes from copper urns and homeless encampments accidentally setting fire to the area; and

WHEREAS, with no owner to take responsibility over the cemetery, Sunset Memorial Park currently relies on volunteers to maintain and upkeep the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, however, without proper financing, the state of Sunset Memorial Park continues to worsen; and

WHEREAS, despite Sunset Memorial Park being licensed and having a trust of \$168,000, legal issues prevent access to trust; and

WHEREAS, there are no records of Sunset Memorial Park paying property taxes from 2019 to 2022; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to intervene in the situation at Sunset Memorial Park and use any necessary legal means to take control of Sunset Memorial Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, member of the Honolulu City Council representing District VIII, and chairperson of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

OFFERED BY: