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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE
KALAELOA AIRPORT AS THE ABIGAIL K.K. KAWANANAKOA AIRPORT.

1 WHEREAS, Kalaeloa Airport began operations in the 1940s,
2 providing aviation services for both civilian and military uses;
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5 WHEREAS, authority over the Kalaeloa Airport was
6 transferred to the State in July 1999 to provide for the needs
7 of Hawaii's general aviation community; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa Airport has been utilized for housing
10 United States Coast Guard Operations and as a training facility
11 for future pilots and flight schools throughout the State; and

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13 WHEREAS, the late Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa, a
14 distinguished descendant of the Kalakaua dynasty of Hawaiian
15 royalty, and the grandniece of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole
16 and great granddaughter of James Campbell spent much of her life
17 and money in support of the preservation of a Native Hawaiian
18 identity through its cultural practices, language, and history,
19 including but not limited to the annual Merrie Monarch Festival
20 hula festival, Aha Punana Leo Hawaiian Language Revitalization
21 Program, and Iolani Palace; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa Airport is in the ahupuaa o
24 Honouliuli, the largest on the island of Oahu, and an expansive,
25 rich landscape, which is the modern day home to the James
26 Campbell Industrial Park, the city of Kapolei, and James
27 Campbell High School, which reflect the legacy, vision, and work
28 of Miss Kawananakoa's great grandfather and Scottish
29 Industrialist James Campbell; and

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31 WHEREAS, the ahupuaa o Honouliuli also contains the home of
32 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, which is the legacy of



1 Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole while he served as the State's
2 Delegate to the United States Congress; and
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4 WHEREAS, renaming the Kalaeloa Airport as the Abigail K.K.
5 Kawanānākoa Airport is consistent and appropriate given her
6 direct lineage to both James Campbell and Prince Jonah Kuhio
7 Kalanianaʻole, and the consistency of her ohana's presence and
8 historical positive impact on ahupuaʻa o Honouliuli where many
9 landmarks and structures bear the names of her direct
10 descendants; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State should acknowledge, honor, and preserve
13 the legacy of Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawanānākoa, and the
14 many philanthropic endeavors she pursued in support of Native
15 Hawaiians and the maintenance of a Hawaiian cultural identity;
16 now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaiʻi, Regular Session of 2025, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Transportation is requested to designate Kalaeloa Airport as the
22 Abigail K.K. Kawanānākoa Airport; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
26 Secretary of Transportation, Administrator of the Federal
27 Aviation Administration, Governor, Director of Transportation,
28 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the
29 City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and
30 Construction.
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OFFERED BY: 

By Request

