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RES 16-273

January 9, 2017

To: City Parks Committee

This letter is being written in show of my full support for your resolution 16-273 honoring Mr. Joe Lukela.

My dad, Joe Kumukoa, was one of "Old Man" Lukela's fishing buddies and Joe Lukela Jr., his son, was my dad's best friend. I recall many happy memories of times spent at Old Man's beach house on the Bay. I learned how to swim, fish and lay net in the Bay as well. I also remember picking limu in the Bay, which was known for having some of the best limu on the island. Old Man Lukela allowed my Dad to build a fishing shack next to his beach house where all of the fishing gear was stored and the fishing nets would be repaired. I remember Capt. John Rosa's sampan being parked adjacent to the pier and my dad's sampan being anchored close by. On occasion, we would have an imu and enjoy all the ono food at Old Man Lukela's beach house. Our families shared a strong bond and had a mutual respect for one another. Old Man Lukela was a strict enforcer of the Bay and kept the fisherman in line. I remember "KAPU" signs posted in the ocean, alerting fisherman where it was off-limits to fish. He taught us to be respectful of both land and sea. It was a true privilege knowing Old Man Lukela; the man who enforced the konoiki rights of Maunalua Bay.

Very Respectfully,

Joe Kumukoa

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