



## RESOLUTION

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NAMING THE NEW HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM THE RICHARD "BLACK" PERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu states that:

In exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site or facility may be named for a person, or for a belief, ideal, concept or historical event of significance to the community, city, nation or world. In cases where the park, site or facility is named for an individual, that person must be deceased and must meet one or more of the following criteria:

(A) The person has a significant association with the park, site, or facility;

(B) The person has contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park, site or facility is located;

(C) The person has achieved significant recognition historically on the city, state, national or international level; or

(D) The person has been honored for service with the armed forces of the United States of America;

and

WHEREAS, Richard "Black" Perry served as president of the Honolulu Fire Fighters Association ("HFFA") for twenty-six years and as an executive board member for two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of his firefighting career with the Honolulu Fire Department in 1962, Perry dedicated his life to the betterment of the department and sought to improve the status and conditions of firefighters throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, under Perry's leadership and influence, the firefighters throughout the state and counties bonded to form one union, thereby making the HFFA one of the strongest unions in the state; and

WHEREAS, with the respect and support of the entire HFFA membership, Perry earned the reputation of being a tough and fair negotiator in behalf of HFFA, for which all firefighters throughout the state owe a debt of gratitude; and



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WHEREAS, the firefighters of Hawaii suffered a major loss among its ranks with the passing of Richard "Black" Perry in November of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that Richard "Black" Perry's effectiveness in representing the firefighters and his ability to balance the interests of the firefighters and the fire department with the health and safety of all residents throughout the state make him a pivotal figure in the history of the Honolulu Fire Department and in the State's firefighter profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the new Honolulu Fire Department museum be named the Richard "Black" Perry Fire Department Museum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council also approves the placement of appropriate signage on the fire department museum to honor Richard "Black" Perry; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Fire Chief and to the family of the late Richard "Black" Perry.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Tom Kotayashi*

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