



RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WAHIAWA DISTRICT PARK BASEBALL FIELD AFTER THE LATE HOWARD KAZUMI "KAN" ODA AND APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

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, unless the person is a former mayor or former councilmember of the City and County of Honolulu, 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, Howard Kazumi "Kan" Oda was born in Wahiawa on July 3, 1931;
and

WHEREAS, he attended Wahiawa Elementary, Mid-Pacific Institute, Leilehua High School, then Ohio School of Mechanical Dentistry where he studied to be a dental lab technician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oda eventually moved back to Hawaii and enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a medic; and

WHEREAS, during his tour of duty at Camp Koizumi, Japan, Mr. Oda tried out for baseball tryouts and won a spot on the team as a pitcher and first baseman which led to an offer to play professional baseball in Japan for the Giants and an opportunity to try-out with the Cleveland Indians; and



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WHEREAS, moving back to Hawaii, Mr. Oda taught social studies at his high school alma mater and also coached football and baseball there; and

WHEREAS, after eight years of teaching and coaching, Mr. Oda ventured into the world of politics and was elected to the state house of representatives in 1966 to serve the Wahiawa district; and

WHEREAS, he served as a legislator for the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he left politics and worked as a counselor at Pahoia High School on the Big Island; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oda eventually retired and moved back to Wahiawa where he enjoyed his golden years with his family; and

WHEREAS, after retiring, Mr. Oda authored two self-published books on the history of Wahiawa entitled: "Wahiawa . . . A Chapter" in 2002 and "Wahiawa . . . A Sequel" three years later; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds from his books were donated to the Leilehua Athletic Fund which has been used by the Leilehua High School baseball team to purchase supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Oda sought to upgrade the baseball field at the Wahiawa District Park because the Leilehua High School baseball team needed a field to play on; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Oda wished to see that the following baseball field improvements were made to the Wahiawa District Park: new scoreboard, bleachers, dugouts, and announcer's booth with lockable storage area beneath the announcer's booth; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2006, Howard Kazumi "Kan" Oda passed away at his home in Wahiawa and is survived by his wife June, daughter Terri, son Robert, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to recognize Howard Kazumi "Kan" Oda's significant contribution as a leader in the Wahiawa community and his positive influence in high school athletics in the central oahu district; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field be named after the late Howard Kazumi "Kan" Oda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council also approves the placement of appropriate memorial plaque in the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field to honor Howard Kazumi "Kan" Oda and requests the city administration to place the memorial plaque; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Director of Parks and Recreation, and to the family of the late Howard Kazumi "Kan" Oda.

INTRODUCED BY:

Donovan Dela Cruz

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

March 8, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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RESOLUTION 06-086, FD1

Introduced: 03/08/06 By: DONOVAN DELA CRUZ

Committee: PARKS

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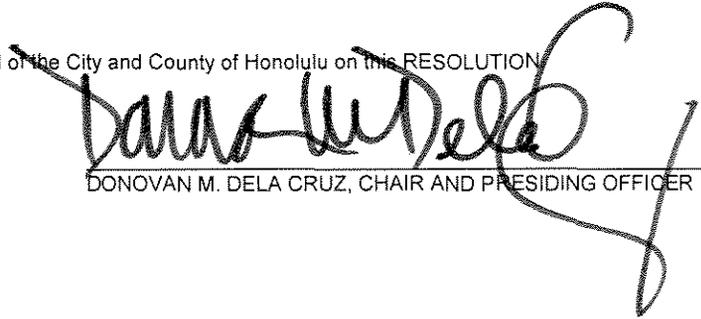
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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION



DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER