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Honolulu, Hawaii



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Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
City Council
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **Resolution No. 06-086 – Naming the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field After the Late Howard Kazumi “Kan” Oda and Approving the Placement of An Appropriate Memorial Plaque.**

Council Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to testify in favor of the above resolution, naming the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field After the Late Howard Kazumi “Kan” Oda and Approving the Placement of An Appropriate Memorial Plaque.

Howard Oda has been a friend, confidant and mentor, since I was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 1982. I was immediately impressed by his deep love and commitment to his community of Wahiawa, which was evidenced by his tremendous dedication to the development of our youth. Howard was the author of two books dedicated to the people of Wahiawa and he insisted that all proceeds from these books go to the Leilehua High School Athletic Department.

Whether it was as a teacher, counselor or legislator, Howard Oda lived life to its fullest. Howard was driven in his efforts to impress upon our community, the importance of athletics and the positive impact it has on our youth. Naming the Wahiawa District Park Baseball Field after this great community leader, would be a fitting tribute to his legacy.

I wholeheartedly endorse this resolution and once again we thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Bunda".

Robert Bunda
State Senator

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