

March 14, 2006

To the Honorable City Council Chairman **Donovan DeLaCruz**
Honolulu Hale
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Dear Sir,

I wholeheartedly support your initiative of naming the baseball field at Fred Wright Park as the Howard Kazumi Kan Oda Field.

As a rookie Leilehua High School Junior Varsity Coach in 1991, one of my parent coaches introduced Mr. Oda to me as "The Number One Mules Baseball Fan"! Over the years, I learned why he made that statement.

No matter the usual Wahiawa wet weather, talent level on the playing field or his fading health, we could always count on him sitting on his lawn chair on the right field foul line donning his Leilehua cap. He always had some encouraging words and praise for the boys.

Over the years he wrote and published books of old Wahiawa. The books were laced with photographs of the early days of a little plantation town he loved so dearly. The great thing about his entrepreneurship was he donated the proceeds to his alma mater, Leilehua High School and the Athletic Department.

As we embark on our 2006 High School baseball season in a few weeks, we know we will be blessed with our best fan cheering on his beloved Mules.

Sincerely,

Kevin Y. Tosaka

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