

RES23-098 Testimony

MISC. COMM. 275

PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE & THE ARTS (PESCA)

**PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE &
THE ARTS (PESCA) Meeting**

Meeting Date: May 24, 2023 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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May 22, 2023

Honorable Augie Tulba, Chair
Honorable Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Parks,
Enterprises Services, and Culture
and the Arts

Ref: Resolution 23-98 - ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DPR)

Dear Chair Tulba, Vice Chair Okimoto and Members,

I am writing in support of Resolution 23-98 which accepts a gift to the city for a moss rock pedestal with a wooden sign to read: "Breene Harimoto Manana Community Park" which is located in the Manana area of Pearl City.

In September 2020, the Council unanimously adopted [Resolution 20-190](#) which renamed the Manana Community Park after the late Senator Harimoto who was a relentless advocate for youth programs in that area, the executive director of the Pearl City Foundation, a member of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, Deputy Director of the City's Information and Technology Department, a former City Councilmember, and State Senator for Pearl City and 'Aiea. He volunteered his time for many projects in the community that he loved. I had the honor and privilege of working for the late Senator Harimoto during his tenure on the City Council. Senator Harimoto was a tireless, hard-working public servant who always put others first.

Thank you to the donors of this gift to honor the late Senator. Lastly, thanks to the many community members who supported this effort and to the Department of Parks and Recreation. I encourage you to vote in support of this Resolution. Thank you so much!

Very truly yours,

Brandon Elefante
Hawai'i State Senate
District 16