HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-115

RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICE ACADEMY, KE KULA MAKA'I, GYMNASIUM IN HONOR OF FORMER HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF LEE D. DONOHUE.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), states, in part, that in exceptional cases, a new or existing City and County of Honolulu ("City") park, site, facility, or any portion thereof may be named for a deceased individual if the individual: (1) has a "significant association with the park, site, or facility"; or (2) has "contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park, site, or facility is located"; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to "on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth [in ROH Section 22-9.5], by adoption of an appropriate resolution"; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") is deeply rooted in the Native Hawaiian culture and Hawai'i's unique and diverse community and can be traced back to King Kamehameha III's 1846 Act to Organize the Executive Departments of the Government ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, today's modern HPD was formally established in 1932 when Governor Lawrence M. Judd convened a Special Session of the Legislature on January 22, 1932, and passed Act 1, establishing the first Honolulu Police Commission and providing for an appointed Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the HPD currently has over 1,800 sworn officers and 390 civilian employees and is constantly recruiting qualified candidates to protect and serve their community; and

WHEREAS, former HPD Chief of Police Lee D. Donohue served the City honorably and faithfully as a member of the HPD for 40 years, rising through the ranks to become the Department's eighth chief of police from 1998 to 2004; and

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WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chief Donohue has been credited with guiding HPD into the 21st Century by expanding community policing, overseeing the replacement of an outdated radio system and the acquisition of bullet-resistant vests and automated external defibrillators, and achieving national accreditation for the Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Donohue also provided much needed calm and steady leadership in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks and markedly improved HPD's hiring and staff retention efforts; and

WHEREAS, aside from his professional duties Chief Donohue is recognized for the establishment of the Honolulu Police Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes positive community-police relations by funding scholarships for local students, offering medical alert devices to seniors, and providing financial support to the HPD; and

WHEREAS, even after his retirement, Chief Donohue continued to serve his community by serving the remaining six months of former District IV Councilmember Charles Djou's term on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the HPD's police academy, known as Ke Kula Maka'i, sits on a 17-acre lot located at 93-093 Waipahu Depot Street, Waipahu, with an Administration Building that was first built in 1988, and has undergone several expansions and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Ke Kula Maka'i facility currently consists of the HPD's Administration Building; a gymnasium; locker rooms and a weight room; two basketball courts; a 0.6-mile jogging track; a driving track; and classroom, training simulation, and storage facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that renaming the HPD's Ke Kula Maka'i gymnasium in recognition of former Chief of Police Lee D. Donohue would honor Chief Donohue's decades-long service with, and significant contributions to, the HPD and the City and acknowledge his significant contributions to the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Honolulu Police Department's Ke Kula Maka'i gymnasium be renamed as the "Chief Lee D. Donohue Gym"; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage and approves the placement of such signage at the Honolulu Police Department's police academy, Ke Kula Maka'i, gymnasium to reflect the new name of the gymnasium; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Chief of Police, and the family of former Chief Lee D. Donohue.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Councilmembers

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Introduced: 04/23/24 By: AUGIE TULBA Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY (PS)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

04/23/24	INTRO	Introduced.
05/02/24	PS	Reported out for adoption. CR-145 3 AYES: OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA 1 ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM
05/15/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

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.

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER