HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-167, FD1

RESOLUTION

RENAMING LIKINI STREET MINI PARK TO HOWARD SHIMA LIKINI STREET MINI PARK.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(B), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), states, in relevant part, that in exceptional cases, a portion of an existing City and County of Honolulu ("City") park, site, or facility may be named for a living individual if that person has contributed 50 or more years of service to the community; 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, consistent with the requirements set forth in ROH Section 22-9.5, by adoption of an appropriate resolution; and

WHEREAS, Howard Mitsuo Shima was born in Peahi, Maui, on February 23, 1927, and has lived in Salt Lake since 1968, and now at 97 years of age, has contributed over 70 years of dedicated service to the community; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Shima proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima has always participated in volunteer work and truly believes in giving back to the community, whether through his church or his work, having continued his volunteer work and community service upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima has volunteered his time helping physically handicapped individuals, especially those who faced difficulties performing basic domestic chores at home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima volunteered and served at Kalihi Union Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, Mr. Shima has advocated for parks in Salt Lake for children to play in, as at the time there were no parks in Salt Lake, and the closest park was Āliamanu Park, about two miles away; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima worked with developer Clarence Ching to secure land and enlisted the assistance of then-Councilmembers Donna Mercado Kim and Rudy Pacarro to lobby for parks in Salt Lake, eventually accomplishing the goal of constructing parks in Salt Lake, starting with the development of Salt Lake District Park; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Shima, a structural engineer by trade, was named by then-Mayor Frank Fasi to serve on Mayor Fasi's administration and management team, leading to Mr. Shima's appointment as Director and Building Superintendent for the City; and

WHEREAS, for 24 years, Mr. Shima served on the Āliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village-Airport Neighborhood Board No. 18 ("Neighborhood Board No. 18") from 1981 to 2005 as a Board Member and as its Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima formed the Neighborhood Board No. 18 Graffiti Task Force, and every Saturday morning for 12 years, he would load up his personal truck with paints and supplies and patrol the Salt Lake, Āliamanu, and Foster Village communities to remove graffiti; and

WHEREAS, known as the "People's Champion" and having earned the nickname "Graffiti Buster" for Neighborhood Board No. 18, Mr. Shima cared so much for his community that he waged a war against graffiti in his effort to keep the community clean from such destructive acts of vandalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima successfully lobbied for the construction of a 50-meter swimming pool at Salt Lake District Park-Makai after persuading the architect to increase the size of the originally planned 25-meter swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima, with the help of then-Councilmember Donna Mercado Kim, also successfully advocated for the construction of the Likini Street Mini Park and the municipal parking lot at 5375 Likini Street, adding a passive recreational site and much needed parking spaces in the densely populated Salt Lake area; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Shima began working on finding potential solutions to resolve the issue of foul odors emanating from the Salt Lake Waterway; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shima supported his wife, Ethel Shima, then-President of the Salt Lake Community Association, who spearheaded the community-based effort that led to the construction of the Salt Lake Library (now known as Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library); and

WHEREAS, the Council also acknowledges and recognizes the contributions of Ethel Shima, as her community participation and activism sparked Mr. Shima's lifelong civic engagement; and

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WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Salt Lake community believes that Mr. Shima is deserving of the renaming of the Likini Street Mini Park in his honor, with the Āliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village-Airport Neighborhood Board No. 18 voting unanimously on January 11, 2024, to submit a resolution to the Council recommending the renaming of the Likini Street Mini Park to the "Howard Shima Likini Street Mini Park"; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that renaming the Likini Street Mini Park after Howard Shima would appropriately recognize Mr. Shima's 70-year legacy of volunteerism, his service to his country in the United States Army, and his significant contributions to not only the Salt Lake community but also to the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Likini Street Mini Park be renamed the "Howard Shima Likini Street Mini Park"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only the portion of the site consisting of the Likini Street Mini Park be renamed for Mr. Shima and that the portion of the site consisting of the Likini Street municipal parking lot retain its current name and address at 5375 Likini Street; and

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 portion of the site consisting of the Likini Street Mini Park to reflect the new name of the park; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. Howard Shima.

INTRODUCED BY:

Radiant Cordero

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

June 20, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 06/20/24 By: RADIANT CORDERO Committee: PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS (PESCA)

Title: RENAMING LIKINI STREET MINI PARK TO HOWARD SHIMA LIKINI STREET MINI PARK.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

06/20/24	INTRO	Introduced.
06/26/24	PESCA	Reported out for adoption. CR-207 3 AYES: CORDERO, OKIMOTO, TULBA 1 ABSENT: TUPOLA
07/10/24	CCL	Amended to FD1. OCS2024-0663/7/3/2024 10:24 AM 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, WATERS, WEYER 1 ABSENT: TUPOLA
07/10/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, WATERS, WEYER 1 ABSENT: TUPOLA

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