HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-222

RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE BOXING GYM AT THE SHINYEI NAKAMINE GYMNASIUM COMPLEX AT WAIʻANAE DISTRICT PARK TO THE FRED "POPS" FERNANDEZ PEREIRA, SR., WAIʻANAE DISTRICT PARK BOXING GYM.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), states 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: (i) has a "significant association with the park, site, or facility"; or (ii) 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, Fred Fernandez Pereira, Sr., affectionately known as "Pops" (April 12, 1934 – April 25, 2024), was a cornerstone of the Waiʻanae community and an influential figure in the world of boxing; and

WHEREAS, born in Honolulu, Mr. Pereira's boxing journey began in Māʻili where he, along with his cousins, learned the art of boxing from his mother's brother, "Uncle Nick"; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Pereira served his country as a paratrooper in the United States Army during the Korean War, spending nearly a decade in Japan; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Pereira founded the Waiʻanae Boxing Club, a vital institution in Waiʻanae, operating out of the Waiʻanae District Park gymnasium, located at 85-601 Farrington Highway, Waiʻanae, Hawaiʻi 96792 (TMK: 8-5-002:049); and

WHEREAS, over the subsequent five decades, the Waiʻanae Boxing Club became a beacon of hope and discipline for local youth amidst a backdrop of societal challenges such as drug abuse and juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Pereira's mentorship, the Waiʻanae Boxing Club not only produced numerous state and national boxing champions, but also instilled life lessons of hard work, respect, and self-discipline in its young athletes; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Pereira's coaching legacy includes notable achievements such as the 2004 World Championship title belt, multiple Golden Gloves awards, and his induction into the Golden Gloves of America National Coaches Hall of Fame in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereira dedicated over 50 years to boxing, significantly impacting the lives of countless individuals in Waiʻanae and beyond, fostering talent and character, and serving as a positive role model and mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereira's contributions to the Waiʻanae community extend beyond boxing; he was a compassionate, giving individual who devoted his life to serving others and enhancing the lives of the youth he trained; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that renaming the boxing gym portion of the Shinyei Nakamine Gymnasium Complex at Waiʻanae District Park to the "Fred 'Pops' Fernandez Pereira, Sr., Waiʻanae District Park Boxing Gym" serves as a lasting tribute to Mr. Pereira's commitment and passion and the profound impact he made in nurturing and guiding young athletes, ensuring that his exemplary work and dedication to the Waiʻanae community are remembered and celebrated for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the boxing gym portion of the Shinyei Nakamine Gymnasium Complex at Waiʻanae District Park be renamed the "Fred 'Pops' Fernandez Pereira, Sr., Waiʻanae District Park Boxing Gym" to honor his enduring legacy and significant contributions to the sport of boxing and the community; 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 boxing gym portion of the Shinyei Nakamine Gymnasium Complex at Waiʻanae District Park to reflect its new name; 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 the family of Fred "Pops" Fernandez Pereira, Sr.

INTRODUCED BY:

A. Kyola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SEP 5 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 09/05/24 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA Committee: PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS (PESCA)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

09/05/24	INTRO	Introduced.
09/25/24	PESCA	Reported out for adoption. CR-298 4 AYES: CORDERO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA
10/09/24	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.

f- GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER