HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 25-132

RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE PU'ULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BASEBALL FIELD AT PU'ULOA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TO THE PETER WOKOUN, JR., BASEBALL FIELD.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), states, in relevant part, that in exceptional cases, a new or existing City and County of Honolulu ("City") park, site, or facility, or any portion thereof, may be named for a deceased individual if that person has a significant association with the park, site, or facility, or 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, consistent with the requirements set forth in ROH Section 22-9.5, by adoption of an appropriate resolution; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wokoun, Jr., dedicated his life to serving the 'Ewa Beach community and to the sport of baseball; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wokoun, Jr., was born on April 20, 1968, in Cleveland, Ohio, moved to O'ahu when he was 3 months old, grew up in 'Ewa Beach across from Pu'uloa Neighborhood Park, and graduated from Campbell High School in 1987; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Peter Wokoun, Jr., served as an umpire for the minor and major divisions of Little League Baseball in 'Ewa Beach, Waipio, and Barbers Point; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wokoun, Jr., spent countless hours caring for the Pu'uloa Neighborhood Baseball Field in 'Ewa Beach by maintaining the field, watering the surrounding grass in preparation for the games, and lining the baseball diamonds for baseball practices and games; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wokoun, Jr., found other ways to serve his community, including volunteering at the voting booths during State of Hawai'i elections and being a good neighbor by helping out community members if they needed assistance with home and property cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wokoun, Jr., who passed away on February 7, 2025, was passionate about keeping Pu'uloa Neighborhood Park clean, safe, orderly, and crime-free for the community's keiki; and

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WHEREAS, members of the ʻEwa Beach community have requested that the City name Puʻuloa Neighborhood Baseball Field after Peter Wokoun, Jr., to honor his dedication to caring for the field; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that naming the field for Peter Wokoun, Jr., would appropriately recognize his years of devoted service to Puʻuloa Neighborhood Park and the Puʻuloa Neighborhood Baseball Field; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Puʻuloa Neighborhood Baseball Field at the Puʻuloa Neighborhood Park be renamed the "Peter Wokoun, Jr., Baseball Field"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage and approves the placement of the signage at the baseball field at Puʻuloa Neighborhood Park, to be renamed the "Peter Wokoun, Jr., Baseball Field"; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the family of Peter Wokoun, Jr.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 29 2025

Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 04/29/25 By: AUGIE TULBA Committee: PARKS (PKS)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

04/29/25	INTRO	Introduced.
05/27/25	PKS	There being no objections, Resolution 25-132 reported out for adoption. CR-209
06/04/25	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, 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