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COUNCIL RENAMES PARK AFTER LONGTIME CITY EMPLOYEE

The Honolulu City Council voted today to adopt Resolution 19-287 to name the Waipahu District Park as the Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahu District Park.

After an illustrious career in agriculture, Balfour served as director of the Department of Parks and Recreation in 1997 for nearly eight years, then worked in several other City agencies including the Honolulu Zoo.

Resolution 19-287 was co-introduced by Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Council Chair Emeritus Ron Menor after they received valuable input and support from the Waipahu Neighborhood Board as well as positive feedback from the community.

“This recognition is to honor Bill Balfour for his lifetime of service, his dedication to agriculture and his commitment to our City parks, outdoor recreation, and open spaces,” said Councilmember Elefante.

“Bill Balfour was a dedicated public servant,” stated Council Chair Emeritus Menor. “Whatever difficult City task needed to be done, Bill was ready to take on the challenge and did an incredible job at it.”

Balfour passed away on March 16, 2019. The Council received supportive testimony from many individuals, including Balfour’s widow, Dee Balfour, and, public servants, past and present, who were fortunate to have worked with Balfour.

For more information on this resolution or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following web sites: <http://www.honolulucitycouncil.com/> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

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