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**RESOLUTION APPROVED TO RENAME PARK IN HONOR OF
STATE SENATOR BREENE HARIMOTO**

The Honolulu City Council today unanimously approved Resolution 20-190, which was introduced by Councilmember Brandon Elefante in honor of his longtime mentor, State Senator Breene Harimoto, who passed away on June 18, 2020, at the age of 66, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Resolution 20-190 allows the Manana Community Park to be renamed as the Breene Harimoto Manana Community Park. The Caldwell administration and many in the 'Aiea, Pearl City and Waipahū communities strongly supported the measure.

“Senator Harimoto was a gentle but fierce leader, who showed us all how to serve the public with dignity and kindness,” said Councilmember Elefante. “As a young staffer, he encouraged me to run for public office to carry on his good work. I’m grateful that we can honor this wonderful public servant by renaming the park after him in the community that he served so well and for so long.”

Sen. Harimoto, a graduate of Waipahū High School and a lifelong resident of Pearl City dedicated his lifetime to his community. He was the co-founder of the Pearl City Foundation and the Executive Director of the Momilani Community Center, and also very well known for championing the needs of his community through his participation in, the Lions Club International, the Pearl City Community Association, and as a Board Member with the Friends of the Pearl City Library.

He left his mark as a legislator at the City Council, where he served for four years representing 'Aiea, Pearl City, and Waipahū, then more than six years in the State Senate representing Pearl City, Momilani, Pearlridge, 'Aiea, Royal Summit, 'Aiea Heights, Newtown, Waimalu, Hālawa, and Pearl Harbor.

Sen. Harimoto also served on the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, including a leadership role as Vice-Chair; and as the Chair of the State Board of Education, worked as the City's Deputy Director of Information Technology, and was the Chair of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.

While on the Council, Sen. Harimoto was vital in spearheading funds and programs for the Manana Community Park, which provided the 14-acre park with a basketball court, a volleyball court, a skate park, a multipurpose room, a multipurpose field, and a softball field.

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