Resolution

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho retired as the Mayor of the County of Maui at the close of business on July 24, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho has given many years of exemplary service to the State of Hawaii and the County of Maui, commencing with his election to the State House of Representatives in 1954; and

WHEREAS, the service provided to the public by Elmer F. Cravalho has been unequal in dedication, competency, and effectiveness within the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho was born on February 19, 1926, at Paia, Maui, Hawaii, the son of Manuel B. and Mary (Pires) Cravalho; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho attended Keokea School, Maui High School and the University of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho commenced his career as a public servant as a school teacher with the Territorial Department of Public Instruction on Maui in 1947 and continued in such employment until 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho was elected as a member of the Territorial House of Representatives in 1954, became Vice Speaker of the Territorial House of Representatives in 1956, became Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Territorial House of Representatives in 1957, and Speaker of the Territorial House of Representatives in 1959, and further maintained the position of Speaker of the Territorial House of Representatives and the State House of Representatives through 1967; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho became the Chairman and Executive Officer of the County of Maui on September 11, 1967, and remained in such position until January 1, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho was the first Mayor of the County of Maui, taking said office on January 2, 1969, and remained in said office under the first and second Charter of the County of Maui until July 24, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho was well acknowledged as a successful businessman within the County of Maui having held positions with United Benefit Insurance Company (1953-1958); Kula Community Federal Credit Union, Treasurer-Manager (1954-1979); General Manager, MDG Supply Company (1963-1967); and further maintained business affiliations with Maui Factors, Inc., (Director and Secretary-Treasurer); Dairy Queen, Molokai (Partner, Director and Treasurer); C/F Associates (Senior Partner); and

WHEREAS, Elmer F. Cravalho has maintained leadership

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roles in civic and other community organizations within the County of Maui, including Former Regent, Chaminade College, 1965 (Vice Chairman 1966-1970); Chairman, Joint Interim Legislative Committee for Government Reorganization (1959); Olinda-Kula Soil & Water Conservation District (1956 to present); Independent Ranchers of Maui; Democratic Party Maui County Chairman, (1954-1964); Chairman, State Convention, Democratic Party (1962-1966); Delegate to the National Convention of the Democratic Party (1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976); National Committeeman, (1964-1968); State Convention Permanent Chairman, (1968, 1970); Governor's Emergency Feed Committee (1962); State Committee for New York World's Fair (1962-1965); University of Hawaii Alumni Association, Maui Vice President (1965-1966); Chairman, Maui Community Chest Drive (1964); 4-H Club Leader, 7 years named Outstanding Former Member, State 4-H Clubs (1962), recipient gold alumni key, National 4-H Clubs (1963); Nominee by the Hawaii Junior Chamber of Commerce for national recognition as one of the 10 outstanding young men; Honorary Member, Maui Junior Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors of the Maui YMCA; Former member of the St. Anthony School Board; Member, Maui County Catholic Board of Education; Chairman, Governor's Advisory Committee on Housing; Chairman, Advisory Committee, State EDA; Former Chairman and member, State Law Enforcement and Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii have lost a dedicated, effective and committed public servant

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in the retirement of Elmer F. Cravalho; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that it hereby extends its praise, its recognition and its commendation to Elmer F. Cravalho on his retirement as Mayor of the County of Maui; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Elmer F. Cravalho, Mr. Lawrence Cravalho, Mrs. Catherine Kendrick, Mrs. Eleanor Vares, Mrs. Hermina Moser, Mrs. Priscilla Sanders, Mrs. Ruth Landes, and Mrs. Theresa Browning.