

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

# Resolution

The Council  
of the City and County of Honolulu

JOINS THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN CELEBRATING THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE LORAN TRANSMITTING STATION OF KURE ATOLL ON MARCH 17, 1986 AND  
HONORS THE PAST AND PRESENT LORAN PERSONNEL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Since its opening 25 years ago, the LORAN or Long Range Aids to Navigation Transmitting Station has provided electronic navigational and precise time services to mariners and aviators transitting the Central Pacific Ocean. Construction of the LORAN Transmitting Station began in 1960 and the station was commissioned on March 17, 1961.

Kure Atoll, a part of the City and County of Honolulu, has had a long relationship with Hawaii. Survivors of shipwrecks on the atoll in the 1800s often saved themselves by navigating in lifeboats to the Hawaiian Islands. On September 20, 1886, King Kalakaua took possession of Kure Atoll for the Hawaiian government, and had a shelter built on the Atoll with water holding tanks and provisions for unfortunates who might find themselves stranded on the atoll. Kure Atoll was acquired by the United States on July 7, 1898 when Hawaii became a territory. In April of 1909, Kure Atoll was declared part of the Hawaiian Island Wildlife Reserve. Today, the personnel of the LORAN Transmitting Station continue to make Kure Atoll a safe haven for stranded travelers, providing emergency landing area for aircraft in distress, and food and shelter for their passengers. The hospitality of the LORAN crew extended to the Honolulu City Council during its 1985 site visit.

In two citations for meritorious services from the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, LORAN personnel have been recognized for their outstanding "skill, diligence and devotion to duty", "exuberant 'can do' attitude", "high esprit de corps", and "exemplary" accomplishment of assignments.

It merits attention that LORAN crew performs at this caliber even while they endure the loneliness of separation from their families, isolation from the rest of the world, the physical hardship of frequent water shortages and living in very close quarters.

The City Council of the City and County of Honolulu honors the past and present personnel of the LORAN Transmitting Station, and joins the United States Coast Guard in celebrating the Silver Anniversary of the LORAN Transmitting Station.

Date of Introduction:

March 12, 1986

Honolulu, Hawaii



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