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**COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON RECOGNIZES  
RICHARD "BOLO" KAHAWAI  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Honolulu City Council today honored Richard "Bolo" Kahawai. A 60 year resident of Waimanalo, Kahawai was recognized for his community leadership and for his development of a special work program designed to assist incarcerated individuals in re-entering their communities upon leaving the system. Kahawai began his career as a corrections officer at the Oahu Community Correctional Center 35 years ago. His compassion for others led him to find a way to involve inmates in special projects that would expose them to work and social interaction during their terms in prison. Working with the State Department of Public Safety, Kahawai's team assists with projects from Waianae to Hawaii Kai. Such undertakings have included public school repairs, repairs to Hawaiian Homes developments, cleaning city and state streams, and assisting with City Sunset and City Lights events. In addition to saving taxpayer dollars, much has been done and many have benefited through Kahawai's program. Kahawai also was honored and served as Grand Marshall of this year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Waimanalo Christmas Parade. Councilmember Anderson, who presented the certificate, offered his congratulations and stressed the importance of recognizing those who give back so much to their communities. He further remarked: "It is such an honor to know "Uncle Bolo" and we so appreciate that he is a member of our community in Waimanalo."

Kahawai was joined for the day's ceremony by his wife, Karen, Waimanalo Neighborhood Board Chair Wilson Kekoa Ho and Kahawai's entire project work team.

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