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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. 03-03

TO: Rod Haraga
Director
State Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Restoring Tetsuo Harano's name to primary tunnels of the H-3 Freeway

The primary tunnels of the H-3 Freeway were originally named in honor of Tetsuo Harano, former chief of the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation by concurrent resolution (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 232) of the Legislature in 1994.

In March 2003, the primary tunnels of the H-3 Freeway were renamed the "John A. Burns Tunnels." More than 7,000 Hawai`i residents have since signed a petition to restore the Harano name to the tunnels.

The únilateral decision to rename the tunnels ignored the legislative resolution calling for the original naming. Therefore, to honor the contributions of Tetsuo Harano and keep in tact the original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 232, the name of the primary tunnels of the H-3 Freeway shall be changed from the "John A. Burns Tunnels" to the "Tetsuo Harano Tunnels."

Your cooperation in implementing this change is appreciated, and should be carried out as soon as possible.

Mahalo,

LINDA LINGLE
Governor