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June 10, 2013

Honorable Barack Obama
President, United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

REF: Resolution No. 42-32 (LS)

Dear President Obama,

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Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure
June 10, 2013

Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
Guam Delegate to the United States Congress
House of Representatives
120 Father Duenas Avenue, Suite 107
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

REF: Resolution No. 42-32 (LS)

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo,

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Congressman Eni Faleomavaega
2422 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

REF: Resolution No. 42-32 (LS)

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Congresswoman Donna Christensen;
1510 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
REF: Resolution No. 42-32 (LS)

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Enclosure
May 29, 2013

Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga’lahen Guåhan
Office of the Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

REF: Resolution No. 42-32 (COR)

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:
WHEREAS, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes); and

WHEREAS, SSI is designed to help aged, blind and disabled people who have little or no income; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children; and

WHEREAS, SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 years of age and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits; and

WHEREAS, Guam has approximately 24,000 individuals with a disability who may be eligible for such benefits supported by Supplemental Security Income; and

WHEREAS, many Guamanian families relocate to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Hawaii, or the mainland United States to receive SSI benefits, and the granting of the extension of SSI benefits to home islands will allow families the opportunity to stay in familiar surroundings rather than relocating; and

WHEREAS, such opportunity will heighten the quality of life for the family members with disabilities, as they will be surrounded by their extended families, a true cultural aspect of our island homes; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (the 32nd Guam Legislature) does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, stand in full support of H.R. 91, introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, and Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, to extend the supplemental security income benefits program to Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President, United States of America; to Congresswoman Donna Christensen; to Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo; to Congressman Eni Faleomavaega; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, l Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28TH DAY OF MAY 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker Legislative Secretary
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May 28, 2013
May 13, 2013

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Lihesluration Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – Resolution No. 42-32 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the Committee Report on Resolution No. 42-32 (COR) - Relative to fully supporting HR91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Congressman Faleomavarga to extend the Supplemental Security Income benefits program to Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and American Samoa, and extending Dangkulo Na Si Yu’os Ma”ase to the Representatives for advocating for their people with disabilities; Sponsored by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., and referred to the author. Resolution No. 42-32 (COR) was publicly heard on March 11, 2013.

Committee votes are as follows:

8 TO PASS
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Seneramente,

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman
COMMITTEE REPORT
ON

RESOLUTION NO. 42-32 (COR)
Sponsored by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD.

Relative to fully supporting HR91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Congressman Faleomavarga to extend the Supplemental Security Income benefits program to Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and American Somoa, and extending Dangkulo Na Si Yu’os Ma”ase to the Representatives for advocating for their people with disabilities.
May 13, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
   Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens.

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Resolution no. 42-32 (COR).

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This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Resolution No. 42-32 (COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Resolution No. 42-32 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu’os Ma’ase’!

Attachments
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Resolution No. 42-32 (COR)

The public hearing on the agenda item Resolution No. 42-32 (COR) was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens, at the request of Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., conducted a public hearing on April 11, 2013. The hearing convened at 10:05 a.m. in I Liheslatura’s Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of Resolution No. 42-32 (COR) - Relative to fully supporting HR91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Congressman Faleomavarga to extend the Supplemental Security Income benefits program to Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and American Somoa, and extending Dangkulo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase to the Representatives for advocating for their people with disabilities; Sponsored by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD.

II. Public Notice Requirements

Public hearing notices were issued to both print and radio media outlets on April 4, 2013 (5 day notice) and on April 8, 2013 (48 hour notice).

Senators Present

- Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD Sponsor
- Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Chairman
- Senator Vicente Pangelinan Committee Member
- Senator V. Anthony Ada Committee Member
- Senator Michael Limtiaco Committee Member
- Senator Brant McCreadie Committee Member

III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION.

Senator Yamashita: Good morning. Senator Rodriguez has allowed me to oversee this particular public hearing. So I thank you so very much Senator Rodriguez. The committee of Human and Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens now convenes this public hearing.

Public Hearing notices were first given to the media on Thursday, April 4, 2013 (5-day notice), and second notice on Monday, April 8, 2013 (48-hour notice). For the record, today is Thursday, April
11, 2013 and it is now 5 minutes after 10:00 a.m. The committee will hear and accept testimonies on
the following:

Relative to fully supporting HR91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Congressman Faleomavarga to extend the Supplemental Security Income benefits program to Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and American Samoa, and extending Dangkulo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase to the Representatives for advocating for their people with disabilities which was introduced by myself.

Before we proceed, I will like to acknowledge our oversight chair: Senator Dennis Rodriguez, his Vice Chair, Senator Tony Ada, Senator Mike Limtiaco and Speaker Ben Pangelinan.

Thank you so much for making the time to be here with our people.

We will now, we have several people who would like to speak. So I will call your name and you can come up to the table and Evelyn Duenas is already there, thank you Evelyn, and some are saying that they are here who are supportive and chose not to come to the table. Ms. Josie Cortez, thank you Josie for being here. Lisa Ogo who is in favor, thank you Lisa for coming. Ms. Erlinda Tydingco, would you like to come forward, please. Your welcome. Mr. Noel Lazaga, thank you Noel. Thank you Noel. Your welcome. Ms. Jayne Borden, do you want to come up to the table? No, okay that’s fine. Thank you for being here. Evelyn is already there. Mr. Rudy Collet, would you like to come up? No, okay, you are just here, ok, thank you. And Ms. Lazaga (Hikie), would you like to come up to the table? No, thank you for being here. Ms. Dawn Maka, would you like to come up here? Ok, thank you.

You are all such veteran people at public hearings, you pretty much know the rules. We’ve seen you over and over again particularly in the last month. So we really appreciate you being involved in our government. It is really a good thing to hear your voices. So you know that you need to turn the microphone on, and you know that you need to say your name then you can proceed on what you want to state. And overall, let me just say that social security income is a program that the US government provides for people with disabilities and people who are 65 and older and who need a little help. And this program has been in existence for years but it has never been extended to the people of Guam, American Samoa and Puerto Rico and so our Congresswoman and her colleagues, have introduced the Resolution to Congress to see if they will be open to extending it to us. I believe we all know families who have disabilities who have decided stay in California, Texas or Florida or in Washington state, or even in the CNMI because they get this kind of support to help them with food cost, with medical cost, with support cost. I think that when our Congresswoman introduced this, it was a real good thing, because we know that when were coping with life, as we want to get better, and as we want to live, it makes a difference being on Guam and sometimes families feel that they don’t have a choice so that’s why they chose to live off-island. And if we get this, we are going to try, and if we get it, that will be another option for the families. But there is a whole process like everything. You have to apply for it. You will be screened and then the Social Security office will decide if you are eligible and what amounts of money you will get. You have to report everything. If you get a job, if you get married, if your child leaves, there all rules. Everything is posted on the website. So if you want to really study the details of the social security income program, when you
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get back to your place you can go online and look for that, okay. So that’s in a nutshell cause I know there are some confusion. Some of us thought we already have SSI on Guam and but we do not. It is simply an effort to see if we can get it for our families here. So we will go ahead and start, Evelyn will you like to go ahead?

Please state your name:

**Evelyn Duenas:** Hafa Adai and Buenas to all of you. Thank you for allowing us to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of Resolution No. 42-32 (LS). I’m really grateful that we are now seeing some improvements up till now regarding SSI although we’ve, I’m one that thought we already had it here on Guam but ah, interesting to know that we don’t have it on Guam. So I’m glad to have this opportunity to speak and as I mentioned to you earlier Senator Aline Yamashita, I’ve the opportunity that I had while I was travelling to DC, had spoken to Congresswoman regarding SSI as well as SSDI. So like I said, I am glad that we are seeing movements to have such benefit for Guam because I have heard from people that we only can get it off-island; and I am one person that always states that, but why do I have to move when this is my home town and let’s bring what's back there over here. So, I’m glad to see that is now moving somehow slowly but surely; but I’m hoping and praying that we'll get there to help all individuals with disabilities cause it’s really difficult. I’m currently paying my Social Security, my Medicare out of my pocket; and that's difficult. So I truly need help in that regards. So once again, I thank all of you this morning who are present to give us this opportunity and I will do a written testimony to submit in support of this Resolution. Thank you again all of you.

**Senator Yamashita:** Thank you very much Evelyn.

**Senator Yamashita:** Ms. Maka

**Ms. Dawn Maka:** Good morning all: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to voice my opinion. I knew of the SSI and I knew it was not here on Guam and would like to see it happen; especially for our people with disabilities. Now I understand that you said it was 65 and over?

**Senator Yamashita:** No, that’s one of the categories that it’s open towards, but a person with disabilities starting at all ages.

**Ms. Maka:** So that I will like to see happen for Guam. Thank you.

**Senator Yamashita:** Thank you Dawn.

**Ms. Tydingco:** Hafa Adai Honorable Senators. Thank you for this opportunity of for us to provide testimony on this most important Resolution. Today, my name is Erlinda Tydingco. People call me “Lynn”.

Please refer to her written testimony. I am individual with a disability who wears many different hats. I know that one step at a time, things are happening and we can do it together. On March 8th, we were here in this very room before I turn over the mic to Noel because Self Advocacy does work
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and we appreciate it. During that Disability Awareness session in the morning, the Resolution testimony in the afternoon, we gave a little spill on Sensitivity Training for persons with disability. A couple of weeks ago, I was at one of the Supermarket, a very nice gentleman said, good evening Lynn, it’s me, Dennis Rodriguez. And he touched me, he really touched me because that is the correct way to approach a person who is blind or with a disability. So one step at a time and together, thank you very much within we know that the communication is there; and I thank all you Senators for giving us this opportunity. Thank you.

Senator Yamashita: Thank you very much Lynn. I really appreciate you being here.

Mr. Noel Lazaga: My name is Noel Lazaga. I want to thanks for all you guys Senators to pass the constitution of to everything; and I want to find out only Senators that if in case this is gonna go through, is that going to be separate because me and my wife is couple already like what you said earlier, a couple. I want to find out from only you guys if it is going to be individual or a couple to receive the benefit.

Senator Yamashita: All those types of rules are decided by the US Government and there are different categories for individuals and for couples. So we will have to study that will see what that will be for your family.

Mr. Lazaga: Okay, thank you Senators.

Senator Yamashita: Okay, Mr. Lazaga, thank you for being here.

Senator Yamashita: Mr. Tydingco, Andrew, will you like to come up and speak?

Mr. Tydingco: No.

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Senator McCreadie: Thank you Senator Yamashita, Senator Rodriguez. I want to thank all you guys for being here, for the momentum that you guys have created. I’ve only been in office for three months and the momentum that I’ve seen from both sides is tremendous. And I thank the Senator Yamashita, Senator Rodriguez for having the leadership skills and absolute entitlement for you guys to lead us to the Governor’s Office the other day to sign the Proclamation; and to get the commitments that you guys are entitled to the same things that we are entitled to. And not only are you entitled but you are here because you want to help yourselves. And the easiest things for us to do when we’re trying to help or improve someone’s quality of life, is that they want to help themselves. So I thank you guys for that and I ask you guys to keep the momentum going and to keep pressing this Legislature to get things done; and to make sure that you sure that you guys are entitled to the same things we are entitled to. And I thank everyone up here, Senator Pangelinan, Ada and Senator Limtiaco because we need to work together. I think that same goal like mine, it to improve the quality of life for everyone on Guam. I’m very happy to say that I support 100% and will take follow the lead of these incumbents Senator Yamashita and Senator Rodriguez to help you guys as much as we can. So thank you very much and I can’t wait to see you guys in a couple of years to see how far we’ve come. Thank you.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you Senator Yamashita. Of course, I want to state for the record, that I thank Congresswoman for staying persistent on this; but we have to recognize as well, Senator Yamashita to ensuring that we have one voice here on Guam supporting our Congresswoman. So I thank her for proffering this Resolution. I look forward to supporting it. I want to thank you all for being here. This is not very easy to take time off your day to be here but we know how important it is to you. So I want to thank you for being here as well. And Lynn, every time you come into the room, you always light the whole place up so that’s very good. I always look forward for you coming down here. So thank you again Senator.

Senator Yamashita: Thank you.

Senator Tony Ada: I thank everyone for being here this morning. I like to thank Senator Yamashita also for introducing this Resolution and my colleagues for being here to show their support. It just goes to show that there are many differences when you live on Guam versus when you live in the United States. And we hope that this Resolution and the work of the Congresswoman, the work of this Legislature and the work of the Administration, that we may be able to close that gap; just a little bit and bring a little equity in our island in what they receive in the states and what we don’t receive here on Guam. I look forward to working with Senator Yamashita and my colleagues here to ensure and the Congresswoman to ensure that we do move forward and try to ensure that what the benefits that is ongoing on the states that it it’s available here too for our people. Thank you Senator Yamashita.

Senator Yamashita: Is there anybody else who would like to speak that hasn’t spoken?

The committee will continue to receive testimonies for the next few days.

There being no other testimony, or comments by Senators, Chairman Rodriguez declared the bill as having been heard, and concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 42-32 (COR).
IV. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens, hereby reports out Resolution No. 42-32 (COR), with the recommendation to P A C S.
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WHEREAS, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes); and

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WHEREAS, SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits; and

WHEREAS, our island has approximately 24,000 individuals with a disability who may be eligible for such benefits supported by Supplemental Security Income; and

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RESOLVED, the 32nd Guam Legislature stands in full support of HR 91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman
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RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Barrack Obama, President, Congresswoman Donna Christenssen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, and Congressman Faleomavaega, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE _______ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

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Speaker                                  Chairman, Committee on Rules
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
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Honorable Senator Dennis Rodriguez
32nd Guam Legislature

Hafa Adai Honorable Senator Rodriguez:

My name is Erlinda (Lynn) Tydingco. I am the Chairperson for the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, the Chairperson for the University of Guam CEDDERS Advisory Council, a State Rehabilitation Council member, a Facilitator for the Self-Advocacy Workshop for Individuals with Disabilities and their families, Founder and Co-Host of The SuperFriends Radio Show on Newstalk K57, and the President of SinA: Self-Advocates in Action.

I am an Individual With a Disability who wears many hats for many reasons. I believe that the strongest voices are our own. As a Facilitator of the Self-Advocacy Workshops, I teach my peers how to speak out for ourselves, know our rights, and to effectively communicate our needs so we may achieve our goals of inclusion, integration, and independence.

I come before you today in support of Resolution 42-32 COR supporting HR 91 introduced by Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo and her colleagues in the efforts to extend the Supplemental Security Income to Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

As a person with a Disability, I have firsthand knowledge and experience of the financial challenges that my peers and the aging population endure in order to survive in these tough economic times.

I appreciate the efforts that you and your fellow senators are making in order to improve the quality of living on our island!

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

Si Erlinda (Lynn) Tydingco
MEMORANDUM

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Relative to fully supporting HR 91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Congressman Faleomavarga to extend the supplemental security income benefits program to Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and America Somoa, and extending Dankulo Na Si Yuus Ma’ase to the Representatives for advocating for their people with disabilities.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes); and

WHEREAS, SSI is designed to help aged, blind and disabled people, who have little or no income; and
WHEREAS, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children; and

WHEREAS, SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits; and

WHEREAS, our island has approximately 24,000 individuals with a disability who may be eligible for such benefits supported by Supplemental Security Income; and

WHEREAS, many Guamanian families relocate to CNMI or the Continental United States to receive SSI benefits and granting of the extension on home islands will allow families the opportunity to stay in familiar surroundings rather than relocating; and

WHEREAS, such opportunity will heighten the quality of life for the family members with disabilities as they will be surrounded by their extended families, a true cultural aspect of our island homes; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the 32nd Guam Legislature stands in full support of HR 91 introduced by Congresswoman Donna Christensen, Congresswoman
Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Congressman Faleomavarga that will provide an extension of the supplemental security income benefit program to Guam, the United States Virgin Island and American Samoa; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Barrack Obama, President, Congresswoman Donna Christenssen, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, and Congressman Faleomavaega, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE ________ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary