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November 19, 2012

Honorable Barrack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania NW
Washington, DC  20500

REF: Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Dear President Obama:

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Sincerely,

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure
November 19, 2012

Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo  
I Mågå’lahen Guåhan  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s Complex  
Adelup, Guam 96910

REF: Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Dear Governor Calvo:

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Sincerely,

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure
November 19, 2012

Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
120 Father Duenas Avenue, Suite 107
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

REF: Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo:

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tina Rose Marie Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure
November 19, 2012

Honorable Chuck Hagel
US Defense Secretary
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

REF: Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Dear Secretary Hagel:

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Sincerely,

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure
November 19, 2012

Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
269 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20501-2202

REF: Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Dear Chairman Levin:

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Sincerely,

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure
Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)
As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by: Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.  
T. C. Ada  
V. Anthony Ada  
FRANK B. AGUON, JR.  
B. J.F. Cruz  
Chris M. Dueñas  
Michael T. Limtiaco  
Brant T. McCreadie  
Tommy Morrison  
T. R. Muña Barnes  
Vicente (ben) C. Pangelinan  
R. J. Respicio  
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.  
Michael F. Q. San Nicolas  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, since 2006, I Liheslaturan Guåhan (the Guam Legislature), I Maga’lahen Guåhan (the Governor of Guam), the Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress, and the business community of Guam have been working towards taking
measures to prepare our people and our island for the Guam Military Buildup, as evidenced through official congressional statements, as well as during meetings with our federal and the Japanese governments; the promulgation of executive orders and the passage of public laws; the introduction of proposed measures; and the adoption of substantive resolutions specific to this matter; and

WHEREAS, the efforts were undertaken and continue to be addressed in response to an accord signed between the U.S. Government and the Government of Japan in 2007 that initially stated plans to relocate 8,600 U.S. Marines and their 9,000 dependents from Okinawa, Japan, and approximately 600 military personnel attached to the U.S. Army, and their approximately 950 dependents to Guam, with an impact to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands beginning in 2011 and expected to reach completion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2006, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam, signed and promulgated Executive Order No. 2006-10 (EO 2006-10), creating a “Civilian/Military Task Force (CMTF)” to develop an integrated comprehensive master plan to accommodate the expansion of military personnel, operations, assets and missions, and to maximize the opportunities resulting from this expansion for the benefit of both the civilian and military community; and

WHEREAS, EO 2006-10 recognized that a close partnership between the public and private sectors and the U.S. military must be created to facilitate military transformational initiatives and maximize opportunities available to the civilian and military community from planned increases in military presence; and

WHEREAS, EO 2006-10 further declared a need to coordinate public agency activities to ensure consistency in the application of government-wide policy and to ensure that these policies are not adversely affected in the legitimate pursuit of specific agency interests; and that public and private resources must be
used effectively to ensure that Guam is adequately prepared to meet the needs of
an expanding U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008, I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan
Guåhan (the 29th Guam Legislature), passed Bill No. 378, which was signed into
law as Public Law No. 29-128 (PL 29-128) on December 24, 2008, to create “I
Kumision Guåhan Fine’nana” (the Guam First Commission) on the military
mission on Guam; and

WHEREAS, PL 29-128 states that I Liheslatura (the Legislature) has
determined that, as the U.S. military buildup in Guam continues, it is in the people
of Guam’s interest to have a unified front when we bring our serious concerns to
the forefront in talks with the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense;
and that Guam must speak with “One Voice” when it deals with representatives of
the federal government in order to properly and more effectively coordinate
policies affecting or related to Guam’s political, social, economic, environmental,
and infrastructural concerns on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, Guam’s people and government must have the goal of
developing strategies to first reach greater mutual understanding, and then to
achieve measurable results on those concerns that directly affect Guam’s people;
and

WHEREAS, in accordance with EO 2006-10 and PL 29-128, on February
21, 2012, the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, Governor of Guam, signed and
promulgated Executive Order No. 2012-06 (EO 2012-06), creating the “Guam
First Commission Advisory Council” after it was determined that it is imperative
that the island’s leaders speak with “One Voice” when expressing concerns relative
to the expansion of the United States military forces on the island to the U.S.
Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense; and
WHEREAS, EO 2012-06 states that the Guam First Commission Advisory Council would serve as the Governor’s primary advisory council for all matters relative to the Guam Buildup; specifically, to advise the Governor, pursuant to the “One Voice” approach, in all dealings with the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Department of Defense relative to the Guam Buildup and relations with the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Guam First Commission Advisory Council would assist in developing a plan that envisions Guam fifteen (15) years and more into the future, and the plan would take into account the needed and necessary construction, upgrades and expansion of Guam’s economy, infrastructure and government services; and

WHEREAS, EO 2012-06 states that Governor Calvo created the Guam First Commission Advisory Council in an attempt to redress concerns with the constantly changing plans of the U.S. Government with regard to the relocation of the U.S. Marines in Okinawa to Guam; changes that led to both a surge in the business climate in anticipation of the more than 70,000 new residents to the island, and more recently, to the closure and withdrawal of many of these same businesses and companies when the Buildup was unilaterally delayed by the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, the buildup’s timeline remains a constantly moving target, with government officials and island residents relying upon the assurances that the move is a certainty; yet basic preparations, including funding for the relocation, and the fortification and improvement of the island’s infrastructure, have still not begun, resulting in increased frustration and concerns expressed by Guam Senators and other elected leaders; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the “Guam Voice” has remained consistent and unified as I Liheslatura has approved measures in support of
preparing and planning for the Guam Military Buildup – one of the first statements
being made via Resolution No. 127, adopted by I Mina’Bente Ocho Na
Lihe slaturan Guåhan (the 28th Guam Legislature), which was a resounding call to
prepare the island and its people by redressing long standing issues and ensuring
that island leaders are prepared to realize that the realignment of U.S. Forces in
Asia and throughout the Pacific will impact Guam and the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands socially, environmentally and economically — this
remained in line with the administration’s concerns; and

WHEREAS, these concerns and others were once again raised in unison in
Resolution No. 275-30 adopted by I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Lihe slaturan Guåhan (30th Guam Legislature) and

WHEREAS, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
Islands remain strategically important to the military positioning in the Pacific
Theater; and Guam and its residents have historically played their part to defend
the nation and to protect, promote and project its democratic ideals; and once again
Guam stands ready to do its part to promote American and regional interests, and
to accommodate a needed higher military presence on our island; and

WHEREAS, we remain proud of and humbled by the fact that we hold the
distinction of having the highest per capita soldier enlistment rates throughout the
country, and the highest per capita to have spilled blood in defense of our great
nation, while acknowledging that the people of Guam have supported every war
endeavor since World War I, and the Guam veteran has served in every theater
from World War II to today’s Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, the Government Accountability Office (GAO)
released a report stating that more time, preparation and details, such as
information from host communities, is needed before proceeding with the military
buildup, despite the aforementioned legislative acts and executive orders in support
of the military buildup, in addition to Guam’s elected leaders’ countless requests and efforts toward collaboration, as well as Guam citizens’ participation in calls for feedback/input on environmental impact studies, and their participation in numerous stakeholder/town hall-style meetings; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina‘Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, strongly yet respectfully urge and call upon the U.S. Department of Defense to provide the information called for in the GAO study: information that is critical to identify the needs of the crucial realignment of U.S. Forces from Okinawa, Japan to U.S. soil, the United States Territory of Guam, information that is imperative to our nation’s defense; and be it further

RESOLVED, that I Liheslatura, on behalf of the people of Guam, again respectfully and strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Defense to continue to work with the government of Guam, who has proven its support for the Guam military buildup, in the spirit of cooperation and trust to address the impact on the social, economic and global aspects of the realignment; and I Liheslatura, furthermore, on behalf of the people of Guam, reiterates our consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific, and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Guam Legislature does hereby reiterate and request attention to the unresolved concerns of the people of Guam presented to the U.S. Congress in Guam Legislature Resolution No. 275-30; 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 of the United States of America; to the
Honorable Chuck Hagel, U.S. Defense Secretary; to the Honorable Carl Levin, Chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable James Inhofe, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker  Legislative Secretary
29 July 2013

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, EdD
Speaker, I Mina Tenetai Dos Na Lihehusatunan Guahan
155 Hessler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

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

RE: Sponsor Report on Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Dear Speaker Won Pat,

Transmitted herewith is the Sponsor Report on Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) – As Introduced by Aline A. Yamashita, PhD—"Relative to reiterating the people of Guam's consistent and steadfast support for America's military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation."

Votes are as follows.

☑ TO DO PASS

☐ TO NOT PASS

☐ TO REPORT OUT ONLY

☐ TO ABSTAIN

☐ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Aline A. Yamashita, PhD
Sponsor
SPONSOR REPORT

ON

Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

as introduced by

Aline A. Yamashita, PhD

“Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America's military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation.”
MEMORANDUM

To: ALL SENATORS
32nd Guam Legislature

From: Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD
Sponsor, Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Subject: Sponsor Report on Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

Hafa adai. Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the Sponsor Report on Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) – “Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation,” sponsored by myself.

This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd) and Related Documents
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles

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 my office at 648-3474/6.

Si Yuus Ma’ase. Thank you

Attachments
Resolution No. 173-32 (L.S) – by Aline A. Yamashita, PhD – “Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation.”

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Resolution Report Digest

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) was introduced on 19 June 2013 by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, and was subsequently referred to the Sponsor on 20 June 2013.

The sponsor, Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, convened a public hearing on Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) on Thursday, 11 July 2013 at 2:00 PM in I Liheiwatura's Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Tuesday, 02 July 2013 (5-Day Notice), and again on Wednesday, 09 July 2013 (48-Hour Notice) pursuant to Open Government Law.

Senators Present

Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) sponsor

Senator V. Anthony Ada

Senator Tina Rose Muna Barnes

Senator Michael Limtiaco
II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 2.00 PM.

Senator Yamashita began by welcoming those in attendance and acknowledged her colleagues before stating that public notices were disseminated, in accordance with the Open Government Law, on Tuesday, 02 July 2013 (5-Day Notice), and again on Wednesday, 09 July 2013 (48-Hour Notice).

Senator Yamashita stated that she was author of the resolution and she would provide brief comments. She then noted that Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Guam - US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Judiciary, I Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan, 32nd Guam Legislature, submitted written testimony in support of the resolution and that Senator Muna Barnes, Vice Chairwoman of the Committee on Guam - US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Judiciary, I Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan, 32nd Guam Legislature, would represent the testimony on behalf of Chairman Senator Aguon.

Senator Yamashita then proceeded to explain that the resolution is intended to send a message to the US Congress that the island community has consistently been in support of the build up; the past two Guam Governors and Legislatures have publicly stated and passed Executive Orders and Resolutions, respectively, to show Guam’s support. The business community has also been vocal in its support. She reiterated that as steps are
taken and decisions are made, that the community would like to work with the federal government to ensure the success of the buildup and to address concerns. Senator Yamashita added that throughout the buildup discourse there have been changes and delays that have led to issues such as the closure of businesses related to the buildup. The resolution is intended to encourage and urge the completion of needed studies, so that Guam and the US Military are able to move forward for the protection and stability of the nation and the military mission in the Asia Pacific Region.

Senator Yamashita then asked if Senator Muna Barnes would like to make comments on Resolution No. 173-32 (LS).

**Senator Tina Rose Muna Barnes** stated that she is the Vice Chairwoman of the Committee on Guam - US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans’ Affairs and Judiciary and read Sen. Aguon’s testimony on his behalf.

**Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Guam - US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans’ Affairs and Judiciary, 32nd Guam Legislature**

“Tina writing to support Resolution No. 173-32, "Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation."
This resolution, coupled with Resolution No. 186-32—which calls for the permanent stationing of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system and Patriot Missile Defense System on Guam for the protection of Guam and CNMI, neighboring islands, and the Asia-Pacific region — echoes the need for our nation's leaders to take a stand for our island whose people have long been supportive of its sons and daughters serving our country's best interests.

As has been stated publicly on several occasions, Guam indeed holds the distinction of having the highest per capita military enlistment throughout the country, and is home to many local veterans who have served from World War II to today's Operation Enduring Freedom, which is indicative of our steadfast patriotism to our country.

It is evident that our island is one of the United States' most strategic forward operating bases in the Asia-Pacific region, with major military base installations for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. As such, the realignment of U.S. Forces from Okinawa, Japan to Guam would enhance the overall defense posture of the U.S. for Guam, Micronesia, and the Asia-Pacific, as well as support our nation's mission to sustain peace in the region.

I stand in support of respectfully urging the Department of Defense to provide the information sought for in the Government Accountability
Office’s (GAO) recent report, as it is fundamental to forthcoming decisions and actions to be made by our nation’s leaders on the military realignment.”

Senator Muna Barnes thanked Senator Yamashita for the opportunity to speak on Senator Aguon’s behalf and stated that she hoped the legislature would expeditiously act on the resolution this summer.

**Mr. Bill Cundiff, chairman of the Guam Veterans Commission and US Air Force retiree,** provided oral testimony in support of the resolution. Mr. Cundiff said that having been a member of the US Military for 24 years, he continues to closely follow the movement of international powers, stating that the need to ensure the stability of the US in the Asia Pacific Region is vital as illustrated by regional disputes between foreign powers such as China laying claim to land and waters as well as noting the recent threats from North Korea. He said that because of these events, he would like the buildup to happen on Guam.

Mr. Cundiff continued by stating that that the buildup would also be economically beneficial for Guam. He explained that he was a member of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission (that occurred in the 1990s) and that the closure of the Naval Ship Repair Facility, Guam caused a lot of problems for the island community. He asserted that if state and federal governments work hand-in-hand that there would be a positive outcome as was the case with Subic Bay Naval Station, Philippines, which was
successful because of the collaboration between the governments of the Philippines and the US. Mr. Cundiff acknowledged that there are challenges and there are those who are against the build up, but if the local and federal government worked together and work smartly, all would benefit.

Mr. Tristan Shelton, Student Intern of the Public Policies Institute, provided written and oral testimony neither in support nor opposition to Resolution No. 173-32 (LS):

"Thank you for this opportunity to share my testimony on resolution No. 173-32 (LS) "Relative to reiterating the people of Guam's consistent and steadfast support for America's Military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our Support for the Military Relocation to Guam To Deter Aggression, Defend Freedom and promote Stability in the Region in Order to Protect our Island and Our Nation." My name is Tristan Shelton, I am a student intern for the Public Policy Institute, administered by the office of the speaker of the Guam Legislature. When it comes to this topic I stand on both sides and the reason why is because the concerns I have for the impact/outcome of the military buildup.

The Military buildup will help Guam in multiple areas that we need. The buildup will increase our tourist rate, which will then raise our economy. The way it would do that is by our Island population and money circulation, and our island would be safer. The reason for that is by having
more military people/ families come, that means we would have more protection. Also when the families are stationed somewhere else they will be able to take and share the culture or knowledge they gained from Guam and it’ll help Guam be known more.

Although there are other things we need to think about that won’t help Guam at all. Guam will or may get over populated, and landscaping will be destroyed as well. We only have a certain amount of land we own and the rest that we don’t is owned by the military, and with the marines they would have to take more land from us to build another base. Thus there will be more construction and make Guam lose a little bit of its Beauty. Not only will there be more working job’s, but it’s not promising the people of the island will get jobs as well; or may even lose them.

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Mr. Shelton stated that there are pros and cons to the resolution and he prays, in the end, that it turns out positive.
Senator Yamashita thanked the panel for taking the time to attend the public hearing and sharing their insights and testimonies. She added that there were several issues raised and will be or are being discussed in different circles relative to the build up, and added that certainly throughout the community, smart decisions can be made.

Senator Yamashita concluded the hearing stating that the record will be open for 10-days from the public hearing to receive testimony.

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:13 PM.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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III. Findings and Recommendations

Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Phd, does hereby report out Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) with the recommendation TO **ADOPT**
Resolution No. 172-32 (LS)

Introduced by: Aline A. Yamashita, PhD

RELATIVE TO REITERATING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM'S CONSISTENT AND STEADFAST SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY MISSION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM TO DETER AGGRESSION, DEFEND FREEDOM AND PROMOTE STABILITY IN THE REGION IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR ISLAND AND OUR NATION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA 'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, since 2006 l Liheslaturan Guahan, I Maga Lahi siha, the Guam Delegate to the US Congress, and the business community of Guam have been working towards taking measures to prepare our people and our island for the Guam Military Buildup as evidenced through official congressional statements as well as during meetings with our federal and the Japanese governments, the passage of executive orders and public laws, proposed measures, and the passage public laws and adoption of substantive resolutions specific to this matter; and

WHEREAS, the efforts were undertaken and continue to be addressed in response to an accord signed between the US Government and the Government of Japan in 2007 that initially stated plans to relocate 8,600 US Marines and their 9,000 dependents from Okinawa, Japan and approximately 600 military personnel attached to the US Army, and their approximately 950 dependents to Guam with an impact to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands beginning in 2011 and expected to reach completion in 2014; and
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WHEREAS, in December 2008, *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, the 29th Guam Legislature, passed Bill No. 378 which would later be signed into law as Public Law No. 29-128 (*hereafter* PL 29-128) on 24 December 2008 to create *"I Kumision Guahan Fine 'nana"* (The Guam First Commission) on the military mission on Guam; and

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Government in order to properly and more effectively coordinate policies affecting or related to Guam's political, social, economic, environmental, and infrastructural concerns on an ongoing basis; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with E.O. 2006-10 and PL 29-128, on 21 February 2012, the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, Governor of Guam, signed and promulgated Executive Order No. 2012-06 (EO 2012-06), creating the "Guam First Commission Advisory Council" after it was determined that it is imperative that the island's leaders speak with "One Voice" when expressing concerns relating the expansion of United States military forces on the island to the US Congress and the US Department of Defense; and,

WHEREAS, EO 2012-06 stated that the Guam First Commission Advisory Council would serve as the Governor's primary advisory council for all matters relative to the Guam Buildup; specifically, to advise the Governor. pursuant to the "One Voice" approach, in all dealings with the Congress of the United States and the US Department of Defense relative to the Guam Buildup and relations with the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Guam First Commission Advisory Council would assist in developing a plan that envisions Guam fifteen (15) years and more into the future, and the plan would take into account the needed and necessary construction, upgrades and expansion of Guam's economy, infrastructure and government services; and

WHEREAS, EO 2012-06 stated that Governor Calvo created the Guam First Commission Advisory Council in an attempt to redress concerns with the constantly changing
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WHEREAS, the buildup’s timeline remains a constantly moving target, with government officials and island residents relying upon the assurances that the move is a certainty, yet basic preparations including funding for the relocation, the fortification and improvement of the island’s infrastructure have still not begun, resulting in increased frustration and concerns expressed by senators and other elected leaders; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the “Guam Voice” has remained consistent and unified as I Liheslatura has approved measures in support of preparing and planning for the Guam Military Buildup — one of the first statements being made via Resolution No. 127 adopted during I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan, the 28th Guam Legislature, which was a resounding call to prepare the island and her people by redressing long standing issues and ensuring that island leaders are prepared to realize that the realignment of US Forces in Asia and throughout the Pacific will impact Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas socially, environmentally and economically— this remained in line with the administration’s concerns; and

WHEREAS, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas remain strategically important to the military positioning in the Pacific Theater; and Guam and its residents have historically played their part to defend the nation and to protect, promote and project its democratic ideals; and once again Guam stands ready to do its part to promote
American and regional interest and accommodate a significantly higher military presence on our island; and

WHEREAS, we remain proud of and humbled by the fact that we hold the distinction of having the highest per capita soldier enlistment throughout the country, remaining the highest per capita to have spilt blood in defense of our great nation while acknowledging that the people of Guam have supported every war endeavor since World War I and the Guam veteran has served in every theater from World War II to today’s Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, the Government Accountability Office (hereafter GAO) released a report in stating that more time, preparation and details — such as information from host communities — is needed before proceeding with the Military Buildup despite the aforementioned legislative acts in support of the Military Buildup and executive orders in addition to Guam’s elected leaders countless requests and efforts toward collaboration as well as Guam citizens participation in calls for feedback/input on Environmental Impact Studies and participation in numerous stakeholder/town hall-style meetings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’rentai Dos Na Liheslatura Guahan, on behalf of the people of Guam does hereby, strongly yet respectfully urge and call upon the US Department of Defense to provide the information called for in the GOA study: information that is critical to identify the needs of the crucial realignment of US Forces from Okinawa Japan to US soil; the United States Territory of Guam; information that is imperative to our nation’s defense, and be it further

RESOLVED, that I Liheslatura, on behalf of the people of Guam, again respectfully and strongly encourages the US Department of Defense to continue to work with the government of Guam, who has proven its support for the Guam Military Buildup, in the spirit of cooperation
and trust to address the impact on social, economic and global aspects of the realignment: and I
Liheslatura, furthermore, on behalf of the people of Guam reiterates our consistent and steadfast
support for America's military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military
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RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,
and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of
America; the Honorable Chuck Hagel, U.S. Defense Secretary; the Honorable Carl Levin,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Honorable James Inhofe, Ranking
Member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam
Delegate to US Congress; and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, I Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÁHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF ______ 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature
PUBLIC HEARING DATE / TIME: Thursday, July 11, 2013 2:00 P.M.

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July 8, 2013

Honorable Aline A. Yamashita, PhD
Senator, 32nd Guam Legislature
155 Hessler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Hāfa Adai Senator Yamashita,

I am writing to support Resolution No. 173-32, “Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation.”

This resolution, coupled with Resolution No. 186-32—which calls for the permanent stationing of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system and Patriot Missile Defense System on Guam for the protection of Guam and CNMI, neighboring islands, and the Asia-Pacific region—echoes the need for our nation’s leaders to take a stand for our island whose people have long been supportive of its sons and daughters serving our country’s best interests.

As has been stated publicly on several occasions, Guam indeed holds the distinction of having the highest per capita military enlistment throughout the country, and is home to many local veterans who have served from World War II to today’s Operation Enduring Freedom, which is indicative of our steadfast patriotism to our country.

It is evident that our island is one of the United States’ most strategic forward operating bases in the Asia-Pacific region, with major military base installations for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. As such, the realignment of U.S. Forces from Okinawa, Japan to Guam would enhance the overall defense posture of the U.S. for Guam, Micronesia, and the Asia-Pacific, as well as support our nation’s mission to sustain peace in the region.

I stand in support of respectfully urging the Department of Defense to provide the information sought for in the Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) recent report, as it is fundamental to forthcoming decisions and actions to be made by our nation’s leaders on the military realignment.

Respectfully,

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
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I am sending you a copy of my testimony, and will be reading it this afternoon at the 2 pm public hearing today. I look forward to meeting you and have a good day.

Sincerely,
Tristan Shelton

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Tristan Shelton
Student Intern of the Public Policies Institute
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RE: Resolution 173-32 (LS)
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MEMORANDUM

To:    Rennae Meno  
       Clerk of the Legislature

       Attorney Therese M. Terlaje  
       Legislative Legal Counsel

From:  Senator Rory J. Respicio  
       Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject:  Referral of Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Resolution No. 173-32 (LS). Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to the respective sponsor, as shown on the attachment.

I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of I Mina'tentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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Hafa adai! Please see attached memo of First Notice for July 11, 2013 Public Hearing to begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room. Please call our office at any of the numbers listed below should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

1 July 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, All Media

From: Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing: July 11, 2013 at 2:00 pm

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I look forward to your attendance and participation.
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09 July 2013

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I look forward to your attendance and participation.
09 July 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, All Media

From: Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD

Subject: Second Notice—Public hearing on Resolution No. 173

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Please be advised that there will be a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Hearing room for

Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) "Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation."

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at 648-3474/6. Thank you for your kind attention and time.

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02 July 2013

The Honorable Madelene Z. Bordallo
Congresswoman, US Territory of Guam
2441 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: Invitation - Public hearing on Resolution No. 173

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo:

We respectfully extend an invitation for you to join us for a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Hearing room for Resolution No. 173-32 (LS) “Relative to reiterating the people of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation.”

Congresswoman Bordallo, we hope you will be able to join us. Your thoughts are always appreciated. If you are unable to join us, written testimony may be submitted – and, will be just as appreciated – via email to:

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Evelyn Claros: evelyn4families@gmail.com; or,
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Testimony may also be mailed to
865 So. Marine Corps Drive
Orleon Pacific Plaza, Ste 104
Tamuning, Guam 96913

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at 648-3474/6. Thank you for your kind attention and time.

Sincerely,

Aline A. Yamashita, PhD
Senator

Office of Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD
32nd Guam Legislature

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02 July 2013

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
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Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s Complex
Adelup, Guam

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Mark Calvo
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Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s Complex
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Senator
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Rear Admiral Tilghman D. Payne
Commander, Joint Region Marianas
PSC 455 Box 211
FPO AP 96540-1000

SUBJECT: Invitation- Public hearing on Resolution No. 173

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Hafa Adai Lourdes,

Please find attached a letter from Congresswoman Bordallo regarding Senator Yamashita’s invitation to attend the public hearing on Res. 173. Unfortunately the House will be in session on July 11, and the Congresswoman will be unable to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Calvo in our District Office, who is cc-ed to this email.

V/r,

Adam

Adam P. Carbullido
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Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo
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Lourdes M. Benavente
The Honorable Aline A. Yamashita
Senator-Assistant Minority Leader
Mina' Tauton Gaa Na Lehalatalaan Guamana
Suite 2004, Orlean Pacific Plaza
856 South Marine Corps Drive
Tamuning, Guam 96913

Dear Senator Yamashita,

Thank you for the invitation to join you at the public hearing for Resolution No. 173-32 on July 11th. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this hearing. Please contact my policy advisor, Jon Calvo, regarding this issue. Jon may be reached at 477-4272, or at jon.calvo@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Member of Congress
PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
09 July 2013

Public hearing Thursday on measure seeking Buildup information

Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, will hold a public hearing on Resolution No. 173-32 on Thursday, 11 July 2013 at 2 p.m. in the Guam Legislature’s Public Hearing Room.

Sen. Yamashita introduced the resolution last month in response to a GAO report that asks for more time and preparation for the Guam Military Buildup. The resolution urges the US Department of Defense to provide the information.

Additionally, before the public hearing at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sen. Yamashita will present two commendatory resolutions:

- Res 171 to Ilsa Paint & Roofing Supply for their corporate leadership and Hafa Adai Spirit because of their donations to several island beautification projects;

and,

- Res 182 to the National Organization for Chamorro Veterans of America (NOCVA) for being a national voice for the Guam soldiers and their families.

For more information, please contact the FamiliesFirst! Office at 648-3474 or email Sen. Yamashita directly at aline.families@gmail.com.
Public Hearing Room, I Lihteslaturan Guahan

I. Call to Order

II. Item for public consideration:

➤ Resolution No. 173-32 (LS): Relative to Reiterating the People of Guam’s consistent and steadfast support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military relocation to Guam and to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in order to protect our island and our nation.

Testimony should be addressed to Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, and may be submitted via-hand delivery to our office at 865 South Marine Corps Drive, Orlean Pacific Plaza, Suite 104B, Tamuning Guam 96913 or our mailbox at the Guam Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910 or via email to aline4families@gmail.com.

We comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals who require an auxiliary aid or service (i.e. qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, large print, etc.) for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program service, or activity of Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, should contact Ms. Lourdes Benavente, Education Liaison at 648-3474 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before this scheduled event. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

For further information, please contact the Office of Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD at 648-3474/76.

III. Adjournment
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
19 July 2013

Yamashita resolution urges DOD to provide information for Buildup

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When adopted the resolution will be sent to:

- The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America;
- The Honorable Chuck Hagel, U.S. Defense Secretary;
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“This community has supported all along,” Sen. Yamashita explains. “We support, we welcome, and we urge the needed resource support to build the supports needed for a Buildup needed in this region of the world and for the nation.”

For more information, please contact the FamiliesFirst! Office at 648-3474 or email Sen. Yamashita directly at aline4families@gmail.com. A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

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Yamashita resolution urges DOD to provide information for Buildup

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Information provided via Press Release

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Yamashita's resolution urges DOD to provide info on buildup

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Updated: Jun 19, 2013 4:22 PM

by Ken Quintanilla

GUAM - Following a report issued by the Government Accountability Office last week, Senator Aline Yamashita has introduced a resolution urging the Department of Defense to provide information that is critical to identify what is needed to ensure the marine realignment. Yamashita says resolution 173 reiterates Guam's continued support for the military relocation.

"So as its been start-stop, start-stop I think we want the President and Congress to know that we continue to welcome them and we continue to be partners. I ask that the Department of Defense to do the studies that our U.S. senators are asking for so that we can move on and continue with the buildup processes" the senator explained.

The report issued by the GAO, otherwise known as the investigative arm of Congress, indicated that DODs preliminary cost estimate for the realignment is not reliable due to missing costs and limited data.
DOD urged to provide info on Guam buildup

FRIDAY, 21 JUN 2013 03:09AM BY LOUELLA LOSINO | VARIETY NEWS STAFF | HITS: 291

IN RESPONSE to the recent Government Accounting Office report that asks for more time and preparation for the Guam military realignment, Sen. Aline A. Yamashita has introduced Resolution No. 173-32 (LS), which urges the Department of Defense to provide the information called for in the GAO study.

The resolution also seeks data critical toward identifying what is needed to ensure the smooth realignment of U.S. forces from Okinawa to Guam.

"This act respectfully and strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Defense to continue to work with the government of Guam, which has proven its support for the Guam military buildup, in the spirit of cooperation and trust to address the impact on social, economic and global aspects of the buildup," Yamashita said in a statement.

"It simply reiterates our support for national defense, our efforts to usher in the buildup by addressing the impact to our island, and our call out to Congress to fairly support our community as we support our nation. We just buried three Guamanian soldiers in a span of two weeks, the highest per capita, so as we give and we ask that we be given," the senator added.

When adopted, the resolution will be sent to high-ranking federal officials including President Barack Obama and U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

"This community has supported the buildup all along," Yamashita said. "We support, we welcome, and we urge the needed resource support to build the supports needed for a buildup needed in this region of the world and for the nation."

The GAO report issued last June 12 was critical of the cost estimates and planning for the realignment of Marine Corps forces in the Pacific – including the delayed "Guam buildup."

The report stated that DOD’s preliminary cost estimate for its current realignment plan is not reliable and while environmental impact studies and host-nation negotiations remain to be completed, significant information is available and could have been included.

DOD has estimated the cost for the realignment at $12.1 billion, "not including the Australia segment of the realignment."
Lobby group to assess military’s role

THURSDAY, 11 JUL 2013 03.00AM BY MAR-VIC CAGURANGAN | VARIETY NEWS STAFF HITS: 183

A GUAM-BASED lobby group will hold a roundtable forum this fall, featuring a panel of defense experts who will tackle a host of issues related to the U.S. military deployment in the Asia-Pacific, as well as the role of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the rest of the Pacific in the national defense strategy.

The Guam U.S. Asia Security Alliance (GUASA) will hold the forum, titled “U.S. Forward Deployed Forces and Asian Security: A Strategic View,” on Sept. 5 and 6 on Guam. The venue has yet to be announced.

The two-day forum “is bound to play a part in shaping the scope and content of the Century of the Pacific,” reads GUASA’s invitation letter.

“No criteria on who can attend but participation of attendees is restricted to limited Q&A sessions,” said John Thos. Brown, general counsel and executive vice president of Jones & Guerrero Co., and who is also one of GUASA’s newest members.

He said the forum’s goal is “to raise awareness of issues in D.C., and then expand discourse with regional stakeholders.”

According to the brochure, the forum will be “an open, frank discussion” addressing a list of key issues, including the relevance of past military campaigns, the future operational concept, the strategic depth in the Asia-Pacific region, and Micronesia’s future roles.

GUASA said the conference will produce a summary report of the discussions “to help decision-makers better understand the importance of maintaining a U.S. military presence in Asia.”

Engagement

"The security and prosperity of the U.S. depends on engagement across the Pacific with Asia in the same way it found peace and partnership across the Atlantic with Europe,” the invitation letter reads.

“We, on Guam, in the Marianas Islands of Micronesia, at the center of the Western Pacific, on the Asian side of the International Dateline, have a perspective on this new century, unique among other U.S. citizens,” it said.

Formed early last year, GUASA was established by “concerned Guamanians to assist the U.S. to engage Asia constructively.” The group filed its articles of incorporation as a non-profit corporation with the Guam
Department of Revenue and Taxation on Jan. 17.

Listed as incorporating directors are: Joe M. Arnett, tax partner at Deloitte & Touche LLP; Paul L. Blas, general manager of Seabridge Inc., and Gerald S.A. Perez, vice president of Micro Med Suppliers.

"We can provide a sovereign platform that is not only strategic militarily, but also culturally, with historic ties to both sides of the Pacific. We all gain by working toward an engagement between East and West that is secured in trade, exchange of ideas, and mutual respect," they said in the invitation letter.

GUASA said it has enlisted "the willing attention and assistance of persons who have made it their life's work to understand the security needs and relations of countries, and are devoted to facilitating America's engagement with Asia in as constructive and lasting a manner as is possible."

"These are the grey beards and mentors from the ranks of the professional security elite," they said.

The panelists will include:

- Timothy Wright, a Naval aviator who commanded a fighter squadron, carrier air wing, fleet oiler, and carrier battle group;
- Paul S. Giarra, of Global Strategies & Transformation;
- Carl W. Ford Jr., assistant secretary of state for Intelligence and Research;
- Patrick Croni, senior advisor and senior director of the Asia-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security;
- Satu Limaye, director of the East-West Center Washington; and
- Robert Mihalik, former personal staff to Sen. John Glenn doing foreign policy and defense work, and on the National Intelligence Council as the Assistant National Intelligence Officer for East Asia.

**Forum questions**

Key questions that will be discussed at the forum include:

- What is the relevance of past military campaigns to today's issues?
- What do we imagine the future operational concept will look like?
- What is the strategic depth in the Asia-Pacific region?
- What are the new operational realities in the region?
- What is the range of basing options we should consider?
- Do we anticipate any changes in the way bases are used?
- What specific role do you foresee for Guam and the Northern Marianas in Micronesia?
MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno  
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje  
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio  
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: Referral of Resolution No. 173-32 (LS)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Resolution No. 173-32 (LS). Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to the respective sponsor, as shown on the attachment.

I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of I Mina’trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu’os ma’ase!

(1) Attachments
RELATIVE TO REITERATING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM'S CONSISTENT AND STEADFAST SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY MISSION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM TO DETER AGGRESSION, DEFEND FREEDOM AND PROMOTE STABILITY IN THE REGION IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR ISLAND AND OUR NATION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, since 2006 I Liheslaturan Guahan, I Maga Lahi siha, the Guam Delegate to the US Congress, and the business community of Guam have been working towards taking measures to prepare our people and our island for the Guam Military Buildup as evidenced through official congressional statements as well as during meetings with our federal and the Japanese governments, the passage of executive orders and public laws, proposed measures, and the passage public laws and adoption of substantive resolutions specific to this matter; and

WHEREAS, the efforts were undertaken and continue to be addressed in response to an accord signed between the US Government and the Government of Japan in 2007 that initially stated plans to relocate 8,600 US Marines and their 9,000 dependents from Okinawa, Japan and approximately 600 military personnel attached to the US Army, and their approximately 950 dependents to Guam with an impact to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands beginning in 2011 and expected to reach completion in 2014; and
WHEREAS, on 26 April 2006, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam, signed and promulgated Executive Order No. 2006-10 (hereafter EO 2006-10), creating a "Civilian/Military Task Force (C/MTF)" to develop an integrated comprehensive master plan to accommodate the expansion of military personnel, operations, assets and missions and to maximize opportunities resulting from this expansion for the benefit of all the civilian and military community; and

WHEREAS, EO 2006-10 recognized that a close partnership between the public and private sectors and the US military must be created to facilitate military transformational initiatives and maximize opportunities available to the civilian and military community from planned increases in military presence; and

WHEREAS, EO 2006-10 further declared a need to coordinate public agency activities to ensure consistency in the application of government-wide policy and to ensure that these policies are not adversely affected in the legitimate pursuit of specific agency interests; and that public and private resources must be used effectively to ensure that Guam is adequately prepared to meet the needs of an expanding US military; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008, I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan, the 29th Guam Legislature, passed Bill No. 378 which would later be signed into law as Public Law No. 29-128 (hereafter PL 29-128) on 24 December 2008 to create "I Kumision Guahan Fine 'nana" (The Guam First Commission) on the military mission on Guam; and

WHEREAS, PL 29-128 states that I Liheslatura has determined that, as the US Military Buildup in Guam continues, it is in the people of Guam's interest to have a unified front when we bring our serious concerns to the forefront in talks with Congress and the Department of Defense; and Guam must speak with One Voice when it deals with representatives of the Federal
Government in order to properly and more effectively coordinate policies affecting or related to Guam's political, social, economic, environmental, and infrastructural concerns on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, Guam's people and government must have the goal of developing strategies to first reach greater mutual understanding and then to achieve measurable results on those concerns that directly affect Guam's people; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with E.O. 2006-10 and PL 29-128, on 21 February 2012, the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, Governor of Guam, signed and promulgated Executive Order No. 2012-06 (EO 2012-06), creating the “Guam First Commission Advisory Council” after it was determined that it is imperative that the island's leaders speak with "One Voice" when expressing concerns relating the expansion of United States military forces on the island to the US Congress and the US Department of Defense; and,

WHEREAS, EO 2012-06 stated that the Guam First Commission Advisory Council would serve as the Governor’s primary advisory council for all matters relative to the Guam Buildup; specifically, to advise the Governor, pursuant to the "One Voice" approach, in all dealings with the Congress of the United States and the US Department of Defense relative to the Guam Buildup and relations with the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Guam First Commission Advisory Council would assist in developing a plan that envisions Guam fifteen (15) years and more into the future, and the plan would take into account the needed and necessary construction, upgrades and expansion of Guam's economy, infrastructure and government services; and

WHEREAS, EO 2012-06 stated that Governor Calvo created the Guam First Commission Advisory Council in an attempt to redress concerns with the constantly changing
plans of the US Government with regard to the relocation of the US Marines in Okinawa to
Guam; changes that led to both a surge in the business climate in anticipation of the more than
70,000 new residents to the island, and, more recently, to the closure and withdrawal of many of
these same businesses and companies when the Buildup was unilaterally delayed by the US
Government; and

WHEREAS, the buildup's timeline remains a constantly moving target, with government
officials and island residents relying upon the assurances that the move is a certainty, yet basic
preparations including funding for the relocation, the fortification and improvement of the
island's infrastructure have still not begun, resulting in increased frustration and concerns
expressed by senators and other elected leaders; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the “Guam Voice” has remained consistent and
unified as I Liheslatura has approved measures in support of preparing and planning for the
Guam Military Buildup – one of the first statements being made via Resolution No. 127 adopted
during I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan, the 28th Guam Legislature, which was a
resounding call to prepare the island and her people by redressing long standing issues and
ensuring that island leaders are prepared to realize that the realignment of US Forces in Asia and
throughout the Pacific will impact Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
Islands socially, environmentally and economically— this remained in line with the
administration’s concerns; and

WHEREAS, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas remain
strategically important to the military positioning in the Pacific Theater; and Guam and its
residents have historically played their part to defend the nation and to protect, promote and
project its democratic ideals; and once again Guam stands ready to do its part to promote
American and regional interest and accommodate a significantly higher military presence on our island; and

WHEREAS, we remain proud of and humbled by the fact that we hold the distinction of having the highest per capita soldier enlistment throughout the country, remaining the highest per capita to have spilt blood in defense of our great nation while acknowledging that the people of Guam have supported every war endeavor since World War I and the Guam veteran has served in every theater from World War II to today’s Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, the Government Accountability Office (hereafter GAO) released a report in stating that more time, preparation and details – such as information from host communities – is needed before proceeding with the Military Buildup despite the aforementioned legislative acts in support of the Military Buildup and executive orders in addition to Guam’s elected leaders countless requests and efforts toward collaboration as well as Guam citizens participation in calls for feedback/input on Environmental Impact Studies and participation in numerous stakeholder/town hall-style meetings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan, on behalf of the people of Guam does hereby, strongly yet respectfully urge and call upon the US Department of Defense to provide the information called for in the GAO study: information that is critical to identify the needs of the crucial realignment of US Forces from Okinawa Japan to US soil; the United States Territory of Guam; information that is imperative to our nation’s defense, and be it further

RESOLVED, that I Liheslatura, on behalf of the people of Guam, again respectfully and strongly encourages the US Department of Defense to continue to work with the government of Guam, who has proven its support for the Guam Military Buildup, in the spirit of cooperation
and trust to address the impact on social, economic and global aspects of the realignment; and I
Liheslatura, furthermore, on behalf of the people of Guam reiterates our consistent and steadfast
support for America’s military mission in Asia and the Pacific and our support for the military
relocation to Guam to deter aggression, defend freedom and promote stability in the region in
order to protect our island and our nation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,
and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of
America; the Honorable Chuck Hagel, U.S. Defense Secretary; the Honorable Carl Levin,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Honorable James Inhofe, Ranking
Member, Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam
Delegate to US Congress; and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, I Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLURATAN
GUÁHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF ______ 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature