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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’ TRENTA DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
WHEREAS, it is the long standing tradition of this Legislative Body to recognize State officials, who in the furtherance of peace on Guam and in the Asia Pacific region, honor and pay tribute to the many tragic casualties of World War II; and

WHEREAS, World War II was a significant and atrocious historical period that devastated Guam, resulting in the death of over 25,000 Chamorro, American and Japanese individuals; and

WHEREAS, as American forces began their sweep across the Pacific three years after the invasion and capture of the island of Guam by the Empire of Japan, the Japanese military evacuated seventy-five (75) percent of the island’s population—approximately 18,000 Chamorro people—from their village homes and marched them to internment camps, the largest located in Manenggon Valley in Yona; and

WHEREAS, the Manenggon camp housed over eight thousand (8,000) men, women and children who had been displaced and were forced to live within the confines of the camp with no food, water and shelter those who did not perish or were not killed during the march had to endure poor living conditions that led to malnutrition and other diseases; additionally, captives were forced into labor and were subjected to physical abuse as punishment; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the non-profit organization Manenggon Memorial Foundation was created with the sole purpose of recording, honoring and memorializing both the resilient survivors and the fallen victims of wartime incarceration in Manenggon and other camps on Guam during the Japanese invasion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to recording and protecting first-hand accounts and testimonies of the war, the Manenggon Memorial Foundation has provided efforts in constructing a permanent monument for the victims and survivors of World War
II and has extended invitations to the public to pay tribute and honor those who have sacrificed their lives to maintain peace on Guam; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in Japanese and Guam history, members of the Japanese House of Representatives made an unofficial visit and appropriated time from their personal lives to attend, support and participate in the World War II memorial ceremonies held throughout the island and to represent the humbleness and sincerity of the Japanese people; and

WHEREAS, this Legislative Body wishes to extend its thanks and most heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency Shinzu Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, for his contributions to the memorial ceremonies and his support for his colleagues in their endeavor to strengthen and promote peace on Guam; the Honorable Congresswoman Sanae Takaichi, for her sincere messages to the people of Guam in reflection of the sacrifices and lives lost during World War II; the Honorable Congressman Taku Yamamoto, whose presence represented the sentiments of the Japanese people; Mr. Jun Nagasawa, for the entertainment he provided to express honor and pay tribute; and the honorable host, Shinchi Akigami, worked diligently to foster peaceful relations between Japan and Guam by hosting several of the memorial ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the execution of the events and the participation of the Japanese State Officials would not have been possible were it not for the ardent efforts of Mr. Ken Haga and Mr. Gene Camacho of U.S. Explore and Study, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this Legislative Body is committed to continue its collaboration with the Japanese people and Japanese State Officials for the promotion of lasting peace and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region; and now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that I Mina'TrentaiDos Na LiheslaturanGuåhan does hereby recognize His Excellency Shinzu Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, for his support and contribution during World War II memorial ceremonies; extend a sincere Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’o sMa’âse’ to the Honorable Congresswoman Sanae Takaichi, the Honorable Congressman Taku Yamamoto, Mr. Jun Nagasawa, and the Honorable Host Mr. Shinchi Akigami on their visit to Guam to promote peace in the Asia Pacific region by paying tribute to the lives lost during World War II; and does commend Mr. Ken Haga and Mr. Gene Camacho, of U.S. Explore and Study, Inc., for their efforts in organizing the ceremonies; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Shinzu Abe, Prime Minister of Japan; the Honorable Congresswoman Sanae Takaichi, Japanese House of Representatives; the Honorable Congressman Taku Yamamoto, Japanese House of Representatives; to Mr. Jun Nagasawa, Nagasawa Kikaku Corp.; to the Honorable Host Shinchi Akigami, Chairman of the Pacific War Memorial Association; to Mr. Ken Haga and Mr. Gene Camacho, U.S. Explore and Study Inc.; and The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’låhen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2014.

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