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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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Legislative Secretary


The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Guam Legislature Temporary Building
155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Bill No. 448 (LS), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §67103.1 OF CHAPTER 67, SUBARTICLE 11, ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL AT THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-118**.

This legislation allows those persons who have served on the United States Merchant Marine vessels and other duties in direct support of the United States government at war to be buried in the Guam Veterans Cemetery, as well as those who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States, the Insular Guard, the Guam Militia, the Guam Scouts, the Guam Combat Patrol or who were employed in a civil capacity on Wake Island on December 7, 1941.

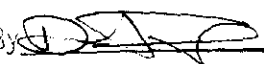
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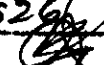

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cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary

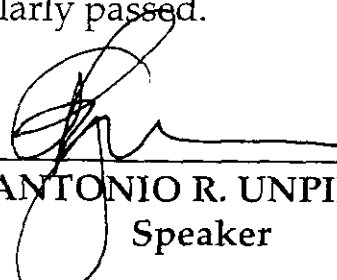
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Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Date: 1-14-98
Time: 1526
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Print Name: Charlene Burena


TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

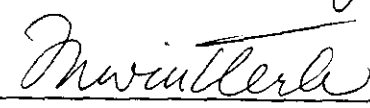
This is to certify that Bill No. 448 (LS), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §67103.1 OF CHAPTER 67, SUBARTICLE 11, ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL AT THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY," was on the 2nd day of January, 1998, duly and regularly passed.


ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

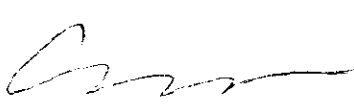
Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 2nd day of January, 1998, at
3:34 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

Date: 1-14-98

Public Law No. 24-118

TWENTY FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 448 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

T. C. Ada
A. L.G. Santos
Mark Forbes
L. Leon Guerrero
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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §67103.1 OF
CHAPTER 67, SUBARTICLE 11, ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 10
OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL AT THE GUAM VETERANS
CEMETERY.

1 **BE ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

1 **Section 1.** Section 67103.1 of Chapter 67, Subarticle 11, Article 7 of Title
2 10 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as
3 follows:

4 **"Section 67103.1. Guam Veterans Cemetery, Eligibility For.**

5 The Guam Veterans Cemetery shall be used for the burial of
6 persons who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States,
7 the Insular Guard, the Guam Militia, the Guam Scouts, the Guam
8 Combat Patrol or who were employed in a civil capacity on Wake Island
9 on December 7, 1941, United States Merchant Marine vessels and other
10 duties in direct support of the United States government at war and
11 their spouses and dependents."

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GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator Felix P. Camacho

Power, Foreign Affairs and General Government Services

155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

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December 31, 1997

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

via: Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs & General Government Services, to which was referred **Bill No. 448** "An Act to Repeal and Reenact §67103.1 of Title 10 Guam Code Annotated Relative to Eligibility for Burial at the Guam Veterans Cemetery." with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

Votes of committee members are as follows:

- 8 To Pass
- Not To Pass
- To The Inactive File
- Abstained
- Off-Island
- 7 Not Available

Sincerely,

Felix P. Camacho

Attachments

**COMMITTEE ON POWER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS
& GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Agana, Guam 96910**

Chairman: Senator Felix P. Camacho Vice Chairman: Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco
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VOTING SHEET ON:

BILL NO. 448, "An Act to Repeal and Reenact §67103.1 of Title 10 Guam Code Annotated Relative to Eligibility for Burial at the Guam Veterans Cemetery."

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
Sen. Felix P. Camacho	<i>FC</i>	✓			
Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer	<i>LFK</i>	X			
Sen. Thomas C. Ada	<i>TCA</i>	✓			
Sen. Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson					
Sen. Francisco P. Camacho					
Sen. Mark C. Charfauros					
Sen. Edwardo J. Cruz, MD	<i>EJC</i>	✓			
Sen. William B. S.M. Flores	<i>WBF</i>	✓			
Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero					
Sen. Alberto A.C. Lamorena V	<i>ALC</i>	✓			
Sen. Vicente C. Pangelinan	<i>VCP</i>	✓			
Sen. Angel L.G. Santos					
Sen. Francis E. Santos					
Sen. Judith Won Pat-Borja					
Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	<i>FBA</i> 12/31/99	✓			

**COMMITTEE ON POWER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS
& GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE**

COMMITTEE REPORT

ON

BILL NO. 448

**“AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §67103.1 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL AT THE GUAM
VETERANS CEMETERY.”**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
POWER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS & GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

BILL NO. 448

“An Act to Repeal and Reenact §67103.1 of Title 10 Guam Code Annotated Relative to Eligibility For Burial at the Guam Veterans Cemetery.”

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to §2103, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, the presiding officer of the Legislature may certify that emergency conditions exist, and may waive the requirement for a public hearing on a bill. And in light of the existing conditions the island has faced in the wake of Supertyphoon Paka, the urgency to facilitate the passage of certain measures during Session on January 2, 1998 has arisen. Therefore, notwithstanding the provisions contained in Chapter 8, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Public Law 24-109, and Sections 7.01 and 7.01.01 of the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature’s Standing Rules, no public hearing was held for Bill 448.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to existing law, the Guam Veterans Cemetery shall be used for the burial of persons who served honorably in the armed forces of the United States, the Insular Guard, the Guam Militia, the Guam Scouts, the Guam Combat Patrol or who were employed in a civil capacity on Wake Island on December 7, 1941. The law also provides for burial, at the Guam Veterans Cemetery, for their spouses and dependents. Statutory provisions, however, do not afford the same benefits to those who served on United States Merchant Marine vessels, as well as those who served in other duties in direct support of the United States government while at war. Bill 448 was formulated for such a purpose, and seeks to acknowledge the intrepid spirit and dedicated service of these individuals. The measure also seeks to afford said benefits to their spouses and dependents.

IV. TESTIMONY

There being no public hearing for Bill 448, no written or oral testimony was provided.

IV. FINDINGS

The Committee finds that existing statutory provisions, for burial at the Guam Veterans Cemetery, are silent in regards to those individuals who served on United States Merchant Marine vessels and to those who served in other duties in direct support of the United States government while at war. The Committee also finds that these individuals

exhibited as much courage and valor as others involved in wartime conflict, and because of honorable service while in the employ of the United States Government during such trying times, they should be acknowledged, and should receive said benefits. The Committee further finds that their spouses and dependents be included, and receive the same.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs & General Government Services hereby reports out Bill No. 448, with recommendation **TO DO PASS**.