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

Refer to Legislative Secretary

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Substitute Bill No. 288 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH (f) TO §54102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 54, DIVISION 5, PART 1 OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING AND REPAVING OF CLARA STREET IN TOTO LEADING TO J. Q. SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ANY ROAD LEADING TO ANY SCHOOL THAT IS UNSAFE OR DO NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-147.

This legislation designates the Guam Highway Fund to repair, widen, and repave Clara Street in Toto, leading to J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School, as well as to widen the Toto-Canada Road to 3 lanes. It also provides authorization to compensate private landowners with money or land exchange on a value-for-value basis for land needed to widen roads. Finally, this legislation indicates that any other road which leads to a school and which does not yet meet highway standards established by the Department of Public Works can also be repaired through the Guam Highway Fund.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

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

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
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### TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 288 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH (f) TO §54102 OF ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 54, DIVISION 5, PART 1 OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING AND REPAVING OF CLARA STREET IN TOTO LEADING TO J.Q. SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ANY ROAD LEADING TO ANY SCHOOL THAT IS UNSAFE OR DO NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS," was on the 27th day of February , 1998, duly-and regularly passed.

Attested:  JOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary	ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker
This Act was received by the Governor this 8:54 o'clock 9 .M.  APPROVED:	day of March, 1998, at  Murillerle  Assistant Staff Officer  Governor's Office
CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ Governor of Guam	
Date: 3-11-98  Public Law No. 24-147	

### TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

### Bill No. 288 (COR)

As substituted by the Author and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

E. J. Cruz I. C. Salas Felix P. Camacho L. F. Kasperbauer A. C. Blaz I. Won Pat-Borja T. C. Ada F. B. Aguon, Jr. E. Barrett-Anderson J. M.S. Brown Francisco P. Camacho M. C. Charfauros W. B.S.M. Flores Mark Forbes A. C. Lamorena, V C. A. Leon Guerrero L. Leon Guerrero V. C. Pangelinan A. L.G. Santos F. E. Santos A. R. Unpingco

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# LEADING TO ANY SCHOOL THAT IS UNSAFE OR DO NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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Section 1. Legislative Statement. The Guam Legislature finds 2 that Clara Street, the only road leading to the J.Q. San Miguel Elementary 3 School is subjecting everyone, especially school children ages four (4) – twelve 4 (12) years old, to traverse an unsafe public access road to the school. J.Q. San 5 Miguel Elementary School is located approximately 6/10th of a mile from the 6 intersection of Clara Street and Roy T. Damian Street in Toto. This area 7 leading to the school is surrounded by ravines. The Guam Legislature further 8 finds that there is a segment of Clara Street which is only fourteen feet (14') 9 wide extending over two hundred fifty feet (250'), with at least a thirty foot 10 11 (30') drop on each side of the road, where at times two (2) school buses meet 12 with children on the unpaved portion walking sharing the same narrow segment of Clara Street. More importantly, the Guam Legislature finds that 13 14 within the past three (3) months, reports of school buses and cars were 15 involved in accidents or near mishaps along Clara Street. Over one-third 16 (1/3) of the six hundred (600) plus school children in J.Q. San Miguel 17 Elementary School are being transported by their parents causing 18 considerable traffic congestion to and from the school. During peak traffic 19 hours approximately one hundred fifty (150) cars and buses, and twenty-five 20 (25) – thirty (30) ambulatory school children use Clara Street to access J.Q. San 21 Miguel Elementary School. And for other roads leading to schools that are of

- 1 equal or more risk than Clara Street, the Mayor or the Director of the
- 2 Department of Education shall submit a request to the Department of Public
- 3 Works for school access road improvement under this Act. Therefore, the
- 4 Guam Legislature, extremely sensitive to the safety of the school children and
- 5 the residents, does hereby express its desire to act expeditiously and rectify
- 6 this problem.
- 7 Section 2. A new Subsection (f) is hereby added to §54102 of Article 1,
- 8 Chapter 54, Division 5, Part 1 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated to read
- 9 as follows:
- 10 "(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, One Million
- 11 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) is hereby appropriated
- from the Territorial Highway Fund to the Department of Public Works
- for the following:
- 14 (1) the repair, including, but not limited to, widening,
- paving and side walks, of Clara Street in Toto, leading to J.Q. San
- 16 Miguel Elementary School;
- 17 (2) the widening of Toto-Canada Road to three (3) lanes and
- 18 establish a middle lane from Route 4 intersection to the Toto
- 19 Community Center;
- 20 (3) subsequently at the written request of the Mayor or the
- 21 Director of the Department of Education, any road leading to any
- school that is unsafe or does not meet the highway standards
- established by the Department of Public Works shall also be
- 24 repaired under this Act; and

(4) monetary compensation or land exchange on a valueper-value basis to private landowners whose properties are condemned as a result of the provisions of Subsection (f)."

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### TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

## Office of the Vice-Speaker ANTHONY C. BLAZ

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP February 25, 1998

Chairman Finance & Taxation

Vice-Chairman Rules, Government Reform & Federal Affairs

Education

Natural Resources

Health & Human Services

Tourism, Economic Development & Cultural Affairs

> Judiciary, Public Safety & Consumer Protection

Transportation, Telecommunications, & Micronesian Affairs

#### MEMBERSHIP

Guam Finance Commission

Commission on Self Determination The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco 24th Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred Bill No. 288 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (f) TO \$54102 OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING AND REPAVING OF CLARA STREET IN TOTO LEADING TO J.Q. SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ANY ROADS LEADING TO SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNSAFE OR DO NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS," herein reports back with the recommendation **TO DO PASS.** 

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

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Sincerely,

Anthony C. Blaz

### ( mmittee on Finance and 7 :ation Voting Sheet on Bill No. 288 (COR)

Bill No. 288 (COR)

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COMMITTEE MEMBER	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	INACTIVE FILE
Anthony C. Blaz, Chairperson			
Mark Portes, Vice Chairperson	1		 
Antonio R. Unpingco, Ex-Officio			 
Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Member			 
Joanne M.S. Brown, Member			 
Edwardo J. Cruz Member			 
Sawrence F. Kasperbauer, Member	<u>*</u>	<del></del>	 
Alberto A.C. Lamorena, V, Member	<del></del>		 
Carlotta A. Leon Guerfero, Member			 
John C. Salas, Member		<del></del>	 
Thomas C. Ada, Member			 
Mark C. Charfauros, Member	,		 
William B.S.M. Flores, Member			 
Francis E. Santos, Member			 

### Committee on Finance and Taxation Report on Bill No. 288

"AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (f) TO §54102 OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING AND REPAVING OF CLARA STREET IN TOTO LEADING TO J.Q. SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ANY ROADS LEADING TO SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNSAFE OR DO NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS."

### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Standing Rules, notice of the Public Hearing on Bill No. 288 was published in the Pacific Daily News on Sunday, September 28, 1997

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on Monday, September 27, 1997 at 4:30 PM in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room to hear testimonies on Bill No. 288.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The hearing was called to order by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz. Committee members present were:

Senator Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson Senator Edwardo Cruz Senator William B.S.M. Flores Senator Lawrence Kasperbauer Senator Alberto Lamorena, V Senator Francis Santos

### Other Senators present were:

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Senator Lou Leon Guerrero Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan

### PROVIDING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE BILL:

None

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- Bill proposes to provide the necessary funding for widening of Clara Street in Toto.
  Although no testimony was given at the public hearing, the committee has been
  working with both the mayor of Toto and school officials at San Miguel Elementary
  School in providing the necessary funding to make this road safe for motorists and
  school buses as they travel to and from the school.
- Bill 288 also proposes to repair all roads leading to schools that do not meet the highway standards established by the Department of Public Works.

### **FINDINGS:**

Bill 288 (COR) offers to add a new section (f) to §54102 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated for the repair the island's roadways leading to all schools that do not meet the highway standards established by the Department of Public Works.

This Legislature is resolved in ensuring the safety of our island school children and essentially all residents and motorists utilizing these unsafe roads.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, does hereby recommend to the Legislature to do pass Bill 288- "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (f) TO §54102 OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING AND REPAVING OF CLARA STREET IN TOTO LEADING TO J.Q. SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ANY ROADS LEADING TO SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNSAFE OR DO NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS."

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### FISCAL NOTE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

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Bureau of Budget and Management Research Fiscal Note Comments to Bill 288 August 11, 1997

§54102 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated already outlines the purpose and use of Territorial Highway Funds in the repair and maintenance of highways and roadways. Eight million one-hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$8,130,000) was allocated for the FY97 Territorial Highway Fund Budget of the Department of Public Works. Additional funds may have been earmarked for FY97, but due to dwindling fund balances over the past years, budget levels could not be increased to accommodate additional highway projects.

If this new item (f) is approved in amending §54102 of Title 5, the department will then have to prioritize its allocation of THF funding and minimize any fiscal impacts on major highway projects. THF surplus funds may be allocated to fund the repair and repavement of roadways leading to schools, however, past and present legislation had appropriated surplus funds to fund supplemental funding for operations in FY1996 and personnel salary increments in FY1997 and thereby, zeroing-out any remaining fund balances. The THF fund balance amounts to -\$3.5 million, ending June 30, 1997.