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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Mina'Bente Kuáttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
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Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 666 (COR), "AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE CHAMORRO CULTURAL TOUR", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-305**.

This legislation is to promote our culture and also contains a reimbursement to the Guam Visitors Bureau for money already spent.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill
original attached for vetoed bill

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

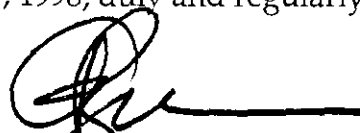
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Office of the Speaker
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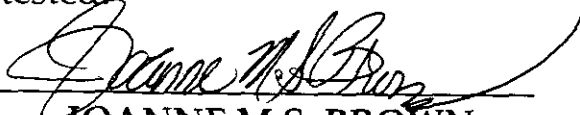
MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN


This is to certify that Bill No. 666 (COR), "AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE CHAMORRO CULTURAL TOUR," was on the 3rd day of December, 1998, duly and regularly passed.


ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guahan this 24th day of December, 1998,
at 12:35 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: 12-18-98

Public Law No. 24.305

**MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 666 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

A. C. Lamorena, V

T. C. Ada

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

A. C. Blaz

J. M.S. Brown

Felix P. Camacho

Francisco P. Camacho

M. C. Charfauros

E. J. Cruz

W. B.S.M. Flores

Mark Forbes

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C. A. Leon Guerrero

L. A. Leon Guerrero

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A. R. Unpingco

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**AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE
TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE GUAM
COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE
CHAMORRO CULTURAL TOUR.**

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

1 **Section 1. Appropriation.** The sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand
2 Dollars (\$110,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to
3 the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (“CAHA”) for off-Island
4 travel and related expenses for Guam’s Chamorro Cultural Tour to the U.S.
5 Mainland and Japan.

6 (a) The appropriation herein is for the purposes of funding Guam’s
7 Chamorro Cultural Tour to Washington, California and Washington, D.C.
8 by *Irensia* Dance Company and the *Taotao Tano* Cultural Performers;

9 (b) CAHA, along with the *Irensia* Dance Company and the *Taotao*
10 *Tano* Cultural Performers, shall be responsible for the accountability of the
11 funds appropriated in this Act, and shall file a report with the Speaker of
12 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* upon returning from their respective performance
13 venues.

14 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars
15 (\$65,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam
16 Visitor’s Bureau for the “Tropical Fantasy” fireworks display on New Year’s Eve,
17 1998.

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Minaolek Guahan

Chairman
Committee on

Tourism

Economic
Development

and

Cultural
Affairs

Vice-Chairman
Committee on

Natural
Resources



Alberto "Tony" Cristobal Lamorena V

Senator
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature

July 27, 1998

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

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Tourism, Economic Development and Cultural Affairs, to which was referred **Bill No. 666, An Act to Appropriate the Sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities for the Purposes of Funding the Guam Cultural Tour**, has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation **To Pass**.

The Committee votes are as follows:

To Pass	<u>7</u>
Not To Pass	<u>-0-</u>
Abstain	<u>-0-</u>
Inactive File	<u>-0-</u>

A copy of the Committee Report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information and file.

Sincerely,

ALBERTO C. LAMORENA, V

attachments



Senator Alberto Cristobal Lamorena, V
Chairman

**Committee on Tourism,
 Economic Development and Cultural Affairs**

Mina' Bente Kuarto Na Liheslaturan Guahan

VOTING SHEET ON

Bill No. 666

An Act Appropriate the Sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency for the Purposes of Funding the Guam Cultural Tour.

RECOMMENDATION TO PASS

Committee Members	Signature	To Pass	Not To Pass	Abstain	Place In Inactive File
Senator Alberto "Tony" C. Lamorena Chairperson					
Senator Joanne M.S. Brown Vice-Chairperson					
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco		✓			
Vice-Speaker Anthony C. Blaz		✓			
Senator Mark Forbes		✓			
Senator Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero		✓			
Senator Felix P. Camacho		✓			
Senator Eduardo J. Cruz, M.D.					
Senator William B.S.M. Flores					
Senator Mark C. Charfauros		✓			
TOTAL VOTES:		7	-0-	-0-	-0-

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
BILL NO. 666**

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$110,000) FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE GUAM CULTURAL TOUR

INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Tourism, Economic Development and Cultural Affairs conducted a Public Hearing 10:18 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 1998 in the Committee Conference Room located on the 3rd Floor of the Union Bank Bldg. in Hagatna.

Committee Members Present: Senator Alberto C. Lamorena, V., Chairman

Other Senators Present: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Government Officials: Ms. Deborah J. Bordallo, Executive Director
Guam CAHA
Ms. Jeanne Pangelinan, Deputy Director
Guam CAHA
Mr. Ric Duke
Guam CAHA

Others: Ms. Antoinette Cortez
Irensia Dance Troupe
Ms. Cira McMillan
Irensia Dance Troupe
Mr. Frank Rabon
Taotao Tano Cultural Dancers
Mr. Norbert Perez
Republic of Guahan

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Ms. Antoinette Cortez, Member of the Irencia Dance Troupe, presented the committee with written testimony on behalf of their President, Ms. Jennifer Raras, in support of the bill. In her testimony, Ms. Cortez stated that the Irencia Dance Troupe has received long-standing invitations to conduct cultural presentations at the Pacific Islanders Festival in San Diego, California, as well as from the Guamanian Club of Bremerton and the vicinity of Washington state. Ms. Cortez further stated that these are highly prestigious events that draw approximately 85,000 spectators. Ms. Cortez continued that Irencia has been working closely with Guam CAHA in seeking financial assistance to support the dance troupe as they travel to these performances. Ms. Cortez concluded by asking the committee to assist Irencia in making these performances a reality by passing Bill No. 666.

Mr. Frank Rabon, Master Instructor for the Taotao Tano Cultural Dancers, provided the committee with written testimony in support of the bill. In his testimony, Mr. Rabon stated that in October of 1997 and February 1998, the Taotao Tano Cultural Dancers received invitations to conduct cultural dance performances and instruction with the Guam Society of America (Washington, DC/Virginia) and the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club (San Diego). Mr. Rabon continued that the San Diego event is proposed in conjunction with the Pacific Islanders Festival activities which are expected to draw over 85,000 spectators. Since November 1997, the Taotao Tano Cultural Dancers have been working closely with CAHA to develop the necessary financial resources to support the performances in Washington DC, Virginia and San Diego. Mr. Rabon asked for the committee's full support to make these performances a reality.

Ms. Cira McMillan, of the Irencia Dance Troupe provided the committee with oral testimony in support of the bill. In her testimony, Ms. McMillan reiterated the comments made by Ms. Cortez and asked the members of the committee to pass Bill No. 666.

Mr. Norbert Perez, representing the Republic of Guahan, stated to the committee that his purpose at the hearing was to support the bill, and to emphasize to the committee of the importance of sending these two (2) dance groups on the Guam Cultural Tour. Mr. Perez thanked the committee for the opportunity to participate, and asked for the committee's favorable consideration on Bill No. 666.

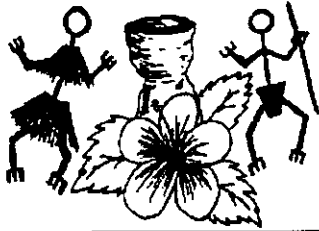
Ms. Deborah J. Bordallo, Executive Director for the Guam Council on the Arts Humanities Agency, provided the committee with written testimony on Bill No. 666. In her testimony, Ms. Bordallo thanked the committee for the opportunity to present testimony on Bill No. 666. Ms. Bordallo continued that the dance performances slated for Washington, Washington DC and California will depict the Chamorro heritage and traditions of our island and will include performers, crafters and logistical support. Ms. Bordallo concluded that such trips have greater benefits and should be given every consideration for support in the returns brought to our island, therefore, we need to find monies and find ways to support these groups. With that, Ms. Bordallo asked for the committee's favorable consideration and expeditious passage of Bill No. 666.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS

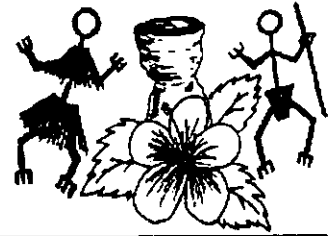
The committee finds that people of the community, and others, both public and private, have been highly instrumental in preserving promoting, and maintaining for posterity, our island's cultural heritage and legacy. The committee further finds that cultural organizations comprised of individuals interested in promoting and preserving the indigenous Chamorro culture through performances of songs and dances, should be effectively supported and encouraged. Therefore, in an effort to continue promoting and preserving our heritage both on island and abroad, the committee finds this piece of legislation a worthwhile investment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Tourism, Economic Development and Cultural Affairs hereby reports out Bill No. 666 to the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature with the recommendation **To Pass**.



Irencia Dance Troupe
P.O. Box 4359
Agana, GU 96932



June 04, 1998

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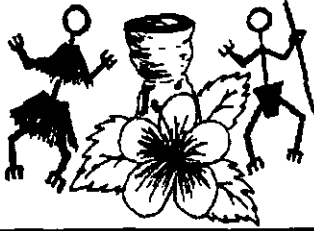
Senator Alberto Lamorena V
Chairman, Tourism, Economic Development and Cultural Affairs
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Union Bank Building - Suite 314
194 Herman Cortez Avenue
Hagatna, Guam 96932

Dear Senator Lamorena:

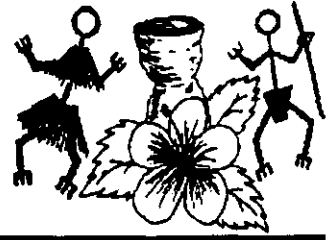
Irencia Dance Troupe has received long-standing invitations to conduct cultural presentations at the Pacific Islanders Festival in San Diego, California as well as from the Guamanian Club of Bremerton and Vicinity of Washington State. These events are highly prestigious and broadly attended activities expected to draw over 85,000 spectators and it should also be noted that the Seattle based event will further include a cultural presentation for renowned Boeing Industries as part of their Asia-Pacific Cultural Fair. To our outstanding, Irencia is the first group from Guam to have ever received an invitation to perform for the world's leading aviation manufacturer's sponsored event.

As we have been working diligently with the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency toward gathering the financial resources necessary to support our dance performers at the Seattle and San Diego events, the full support of your office and the Guam Legislature is paramount. Without your assistance, Irencia's participation at these very inspiring cultural events may be threatened.

Thank you for your support!
Irencia Dance Troupe is a Non-profit organization



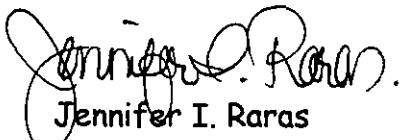
Irelesia Dance Troupe
P.O. Box 4359
Agana, GU 96932



We humbly ask for your support as we are sure that all Senators will recognized the importance of Irelesia's cultural presentation in two very significant events this summer. Needless to say, the promotional value that the children of Irelesia will lend to the island alone is well worth the public investment and support.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase and our heartfelt thanks.

Si,


Jennifer I. Raras
President

cc: Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA)

Thank you for your support!
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Carl T.C. Gutierrez
Governor

Deborah J. Bordallo
Executive Director



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ARTS AND
HUMANITIES AGENCY

Madeleine Z. Bordallo
Lieutenant Governor

Jeanne Pangelinan
Deputy Director

KAHANI KUTTURAN GUAHAN

July 2, 1998

The Honorable Alberto Lamorena V
Chairman, Committee on Tourism,
Economic Development, and Cultural Affairs
Senator, 24th Guam Legislature
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue
Hågatña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Ha'ånen Maolek. On behalf of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, I would like to extend my sincere Si Yu'os Ma'ase to you and the distinguished members of the Committee for allowing me to present testimony in support of Bill No. 666. As presented, the bill appropriates funds for the cultural presentations slated for Washington, California and Washington, D.C. by the Irencia and Taotao Tano Cultural Troupes. The dance performances depicting the Chamorro heritage and traditions of our island will include performers, crafters and logistical support.

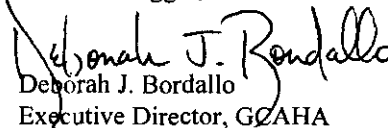
This year's cultural tour will involve more people and more communities than previous Chamorro cultural tours to the United States with 80,000 participants expected at the Pacific Islander Festival in San Diego, a large contingency of Boeing personnel in Bremerton, Washington, and performances in Washington, D.C.

I'm sure that as a former Executive Director of CAHA, you can appreciate the message these artists are portraying to the world, and in particular since the audience has magnified over the years that such tours are worth the investment.

Having received formal invitations to each particular event, CAHA has been working diligently with the respective cultural groups to make the 1998 cultural tour a reality. As the initial request had been made to the Guam Legislature as early as February 1998, it is hoped that consideration on Bill 666 will be given immediate action. The initial request has been reduced as a result of consultation with your committee, and realizing current budget constraints, it must be noted that such trips have greater benefits and should be given every consideration for support in the returns brought to our island. We need to find monies and find ways to support these groups since any trip made is worth the justification of what they really signify - the perpetuation and promotion of our culture.

We look forward to your favorable consideration and expeditious passage of Bill 666. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your immediate attention in this matter.

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Deborah J. Bordallo
Executive Director, GCHA

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Chairman of the Board

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Vice Chairman

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Secretary

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COMMITTEE ON TOURISM,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Public Hearing
10:18 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 1998
Committee Conference Room
Suite 314, Union Bank Bldg.,
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, in Hagåtña.

AGENDA

- I. **Bill No. 666:** An Act to appropriate the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities for the purposes of funding the Guam Cultural Tour.

- II. **Bill No. 680:** An Act to add a new Chapter 77 to Title 12, Guam Code Annotated relative to special projects and activities of the Guam Economic Development Authority such as provided for in Public Law 24-141 and to grant conditional use permit on basic lot No. 7138-R1 for the Guam Racing Federation so they may carry out the provisions of Public Law 24-141.

