

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

Resolution No. 226-37 (COR)	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building November 30, 2023						
	NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett	✓						
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓						
Senator Joanne Brown	✓						
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas			✓				
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓						
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓						
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓						
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓						
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓						
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	✓						
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓						
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	✓						
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓						
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓						
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓						

TOTAL

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Aye

Nay

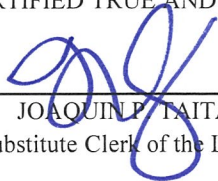
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE
Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Relative to exercising the Right of petition pursuant to § 1423k of 48 U.S.C., Chapter 8, relative to supporting Statehood for the people of Washington, D.C., and specifically urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 51 and S. 51.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the nation that is built on the spirit of patriotism and unity sadly
4 denies equal political rights to the residents of Washington, D.C. and Guam in the U.S.
5 Congress. Both of our congressional delegates do not have a vote on the final passage
6 of legislation, and unlike Washington, D.C., Guam has no votes in the Electoral
7 College; and the residents of both Washington, D.C. and Guam lack many fundamental
8 rights afforded to citizens of the fifty (50) states, including full Congressional
9 representation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Guam and Washington, D.C. have served in past
11 wars and have contributed dearly with their lives in making this nation strong, but are
12 still unrepresented and denied citizenship equality; and are deprived of their own star in
13 that sacred flag we hold so dearly; and

14 **WHEREAS**, no other nation in the world denies the right to self-governance,
15 including the lack of participation and access in the practice of our political rights in the

1 United States Congress by the Framers of the Constitution of the United States, and this
2 represents serious breaches of universal and human rights, violating Article 2 of the
3 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights that “*no distinction shall be*
4 *made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country*
5 *or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-*
6 *governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty;”* and

7 **WHEREAS**, unlike Guam, the residents of Washington, D.C. pay more in total
8 federal income tax than residents of twenty-two (22) other states but have no say over
9 how those tax dollars are spent; and

10 **WHEREAS**, although the people of Guam have yet to decide on a political
11 status, Washington, D.C. residents affirmed their desire to become a state, and eighty-
12 six percent (86%) of its voters supported Statehood in a publicly-sponsored plebiscite
13 in 2016; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Washington, D.C. residents continue to express their support for
15 Statehood by voting to elect non-voting shadow Congressional U.S. Senators and
16 Representatives in publicly-sponsored elections; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam and Washington D.C. both function and perform all of the
18 duties that are assigned to states, such as administration, health and public services; and
19 also has active duty service members in the region, as we exist in a so-called democracy
20 where our voices are oppressed; however, Guam is not alone in the fight to be heard;
21 now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that in recognizing the history of our nation’s foundation on the
23 principle of the rights of all people to self-government, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the
24 Guam Legislature), on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby support admitting
25 Washington, D.C. into the Union as a state of the United States of America to govern
26 themselves without congressional interference; and call upon the United States

1 Congress and the American people to make Washington, D.C. the fifty-first (51st) state
2 of the United States of America; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
4 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
5 James C. Moylan, Delegate, United States House of Representatives; the Honorable
6 James Comer, Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability; the
7 Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman of the House Committee on Rules; the Honorable Patty
8 Murray, Senate President *Pro Tempore*; the Honorable Eleanor Homes Norton,
9 Congresswoman, United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Paul Strauss,
10 Shadow Senator, United States Senate; Merce Monje Cano, General-Secretary,
11 Unrepresented Nations & Peoples Organization; Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Executive
12 Director of the Commission on Decolonization; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
13 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF **MONTH 2023.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary