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**RESOLUTIONS**

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54-36 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Frank Blas Jr. Clynton E. Ridgell Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Joe S. San Agustin V. Anthony Ada Mary Camacho Torres Christopher M. Dueñas Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Telena Cruz Nelson	Relative to respectfully petitioning the united states congress to enact legislation removing the filing deadline for the guam world war ii loyalty recognition act claims program.	3/31/21 4:06 p.m.			4/1/2021 4:37 p.m.	Author	7/16/21 8:00 a.m	8/3/21 10:55 a.m.	



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**The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje**

Speaker

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**VIA: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes** *Tina*  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject: Author's Report on Resolution No. 54-36 (COR)**

*Håfa Adai* Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the Author Report on Resolution No. 54-36 (COR) - Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Amanda L. Shelton / Frank Blas Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Jose "Pedro" Terlaje / Joe S. San Agustin / V. Anthony Ada / Mary Camacho Torres / Christopher M. Dueñas / Therese M. Terlaje / Sabina Flores Perez / Telen Cruz Nelson - "Relative to respectfully petitioning the United States Congress to enact legislation removing the filing deadline for the guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act Claims Program." which was publicly heard on July 16, 2021.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse',*

*Tina Rose Muña Barnes*  
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**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

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## **AUTHOR'S REPORT**

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## MEMO

**To:** **Rennae Meno**  
Clerk of the Legislature  
  
**Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Re:** **Referral of Resolution No. 54-36 (COR)**

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai,*

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 54-36 (COR)** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Amanda L. Shelton, Frank Blas Jr., Clynton E. Ridgell, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Joe S. San Agustin, V. Anthony Ada, Mary Camacho Torres, Christopher M. Dueñas, Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez, Telena Cruz Nelson – "RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION REMOVING THE FILING DEADLINE FOR THE GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT CLAIMS PROGRAM."

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, author of Resolution No. 54-36 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

**Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 3:55 PM

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July 9, 2021

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**To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**

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July 9, 2021

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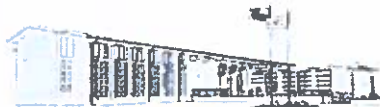
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July 13, 2021

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July 13, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**

**From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson**  
Majority Leader

**Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

**Senator Joe S. San Agustin**  
Chairman, Committee on General Government Operations,  
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**Subject: Second Notice of Joint Public Hearings - Friday, July 16, 2021,**  
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## Joint Public Hearing

Friday, July 16, 2021  
8:00 A.M.

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 8:00 A.M.
- II. Opening Remarks by Senator Telena C. Nelson, Majority Leader
- III. Items for discussion
  - Resolution No. 121-36 (LS) - Relative to respectfully requesting that President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. act within his administrative authority to remove the deadline to file a claim with the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission under the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act and to further extend the Act's eligibility to the survivors of decedents who had passed away after the initial filing deadline of June 20, 2018.
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- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

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✓ Manuel Fejeron	Private			Support		[REDACTED]
✓ Lillian Terrell	Citizen	✓				[REDACTED]
✓ Jose GARRIDO	Self..	✓				[REDACTED]
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## War Claims Testimonial- ROBERT P. TAITANO

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Hafa Adai,

Please see below Mr. Taitano's testimonial in regards to the war claims:

During the war, my family and I were marching to a cave in Mannegon. I remember that as we were on our journey, one of my sisters got really ill which lead to her death and who was just buried along our pathway.



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## **AUTHOR REPORT DIGEST**

### **I. OVERVIEW**

Resolution No. 54-36 (COR) was introduced on March 31, 2021, by Vice Speaker Muña Barnes and Senators Amanda L. Shelton / Frank Blas, Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Jose “Pedro” Terlaje / Joe S. San Agustin / V. Anthony Ada / Mary Camacho Torres / Christopher M. Dueñas / Speaker Therese M. Terlaje / Sabina Flores Perez / Telena Cruz Nelson and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Vice Speaker Muña Barnes, Author on April 1, 2021. The Author convened a joint public hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building.

### **Public Notice Requirements**

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### **Senators Present**

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje  
Senator Telena C. Nelson  
Senator Joe S. San Agustin  
Senator Telo Taitague  
Senator Joanne Brown

### **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

The public hearing was called-to-order at 8:13 a.m.

**Senator Telena Cruz Nelson:** *Buenas yan Håfa Adai.* Thank you everyone for being here. The Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs and Maritime Transportation will now convene this joint public hearing regarding the following:

- Resolution No. 121-36 (LS) - Relative to respectfully requesting that President Joseph R Biden Jr. Act within his administrative authority to remove the deadline, to file a claim with the foreign claims settlement commission under the Guam World War II loyalty recognition act, and to further extend the acts of eligibility to their survivors of descendants who had passed away after the initial filing deadline of June 20th, 2018
- Resolution No. 54-36 (COR) relative to respectfully petitioning the United States Congress to enact legislation removing the filing deadline for Guam World War II loyalty recognition act claims program, and lastly,
- Bill No. 130-36 and add a new section 13. 2, two chapter one of division, one title five long code annotated relative to establishing the Guam World War II reconciliation act of 2021 to compensate claims of the greatest generation of Guam for the atrocities suffered during the world war II Occupation of Guam

Today is Friday, July 16, 2021, and it is currently 8:13 AM, for the record and in accordance

with the Open Government Law, public notices were sent out via email. So all senators stakeholders and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, July 9th, 2021. And again, on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 notice was also provided on the Guam legislature as well.

Joining me today, I'd like to thank Senator Shelton, Senator Joe San Augustin, Speaker Terlaje, and Senator Telo Taitague for being present today. Before we proceed, the legislature has general rules of conduct that must be followed. All must abide by the rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the Chair. And before speaking, please state your name for record keeping purposes. The order of questioning will begin once all testimonies are completed, questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda and personal inference as to the character and motive of any Senator or any individual testifying is not permitted.

We've called this joint public hearing to allow our World War II survivors an opportunity to speak on the Resolutions 121-36, authored by myself, Resolution 54-36, authored by Vice Speaker, Tina Muña Barnes and Bill 130-36 presented by Senator Joe S Augustin. All of these seek to route all of these, all of the resolutions and the bills seek to remove the deadline to file claims for the Guam World War II loyalty recognition efforts.

Um, I just want to say a few words what we are going to do. And, uh, the order that we will proceed with this hearing is I will allow each Senator the main sponsor or those speaking on behalf of the main sponsor to speak on their legislative measure. And then we will proceed with the testimony.

This joint hearing, uh, was approached with different, the legislation in the agenda today was approached as a joint hearing because everything that these three legislative measures are trying to do is to seek, to remove the deadline, to file claims for the Guam World War II loyalty recognition act. And so we're all, uh, here to discuss the same mechanism, the same intent with different types of mechanisms moving forward.

So, um, first to discuss Resolution No. 121-36, which is basically a resolution requesting the president Joe Biden to act within as administrative authority to remove the deadline to file a claim with the foreign claim settlement commission under the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, and to further extend the Act's eligibility to the survivors of decedents who had passed away after the initial filing deadline of June 20th, 2018.

And the co-sponsors on this resolution is Senator Amanda Shelton, Vice Speaker, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Speaker Therese Terlaje Senator, Joe San Augustin, Senator Sabina Perez, Senator James Moylan, Jim Moylan, and Senator Frank Blas. I will now be doing the bill of the resolution. I will now offer time for Senator Amanda Shelton to speak on Resolution No. 54-36.

**Senator Amanda L. Shelton:** Si Yu'os Ma'åse, Madam Chair Buenas yan Håfa Adai todus hamyo! Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes is currently attending to an urgent matter, so on behalf of the Vice Speaker, I will open Resolution No. 54-36 (COR) and Bill No 130-36 (LS).

Resolution No 54-36 introduced by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Senator Frank F. Blas, Senator Clynton E. Ridgell, Senator Jose "PEDO" Terlaje, Senator Joe S. San Augustin, Senator Tony Ada, Senator Mary Camacho Torres, Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina E. Perez, and Senator Telen Cruz

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It is relative to respectfully petitioning the United States Congress to enact legislation removing the filing deadline for the Guam World War II loyalty recognition act claims program.

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This resolution and the Bill was introduced after receiving countless calls from war survivors living in the states as well as here in Guam who missed the deadline. Many stating they weren't informed of the program, others said they simply gave up hope after many years of unsuccessful attempts.

Our Man'amko came to our doors asking for help, stating that it just isn't right to be denied what is rightfully theirs because of a deadline made up in Congress. For our Man'amko, this award is not just a check, it is recognition by the Federal government acknowledging all the atrocities, pain and suffering they endured during the War and that no one should have the right to take away something that wasn't theirs to begin with.

Vice Speaker committed to do right by our Man'amko. From the day the first check was issued and all throughout the pandemic, my office worked as hard as they could to assist our Man'amko. Unfortunately, we received countless letters from the foreign claims commission stating there was no record of a claim being filed or this claim did not meet the deadline.

Last year Vice Speaker authored a bill to expedite the payment of claims due to a technicality in the federal law. This year, I offer this resolution to extend or remove the filing deadline. It is my hope that we can make all these claims whole and every war survivor be given the award they rightfully deserve.

I thank all my colleagues who supported and co-sponsored this resolution and thank you to all those who are here at this resolution hearing. Saina Ma'åse'. Thank you very much.

**Senator Telen Cruz Nelson:** Thank you, Senator Shelton. We now, um, would like to bring in those that would like to give oral testimony, Mr. Ralph Rivera, Lillian Terrel Manuel Fejeran, Jose Garrido, Vincente Garrido and William Sablan.

Good morning.

Okay, perhaps we can just start from my left your right. And. Good morning, sir. If you could please state your name for the record and go ahead and proceed with your oral testimony.

You may proceed.

**William D. Sablan:** Ma'am I think this is about the second or the third time a meeting like this

was started. If I can remember back in 1964 or 65, I'm not sure it was, uh, an, a Jewish attorney that was living in Tumon. And he brought it to my attention when he was going to bring the issue up. But anyway, at that time, everybody that was born during the war and a little bit after the war before 1950, we're all supposed to be compensated some kind of monetary amounts up until 1950, because Japan gave the United States millions of dollars to help correct the mistakes they made in Guam and the Marianas, the trust territory, it wasn't even... (*unintelligible*)..., but it was basically the Mariana islands, but I know the Micronesian islands were heavily involved also, but the thing was the money is we're supposed to be getting now \$10,000 or whatever the amount is.

Uh, that is very minute compared to what was promised to us back in the early, in the middle of sixties. Uh, people born 1945, they were all supposed to get money's also like the ones getting it before 1945. Uh, I've been to combat like some of you have, and the thing is when you're in combat, whatever your officers or ranking officers tell you, you believe them full heartedly.

Uh, I feel sorry for the boys, from the Afghanistan and the girls that was a mediocre trade up, but they lost their respect. But to us that fought during the Vietnam war. We were the first increment to go in and fight for that country. Uh, I was stationed in Okinawa and at that time I was with the beginning 173rd airborne brigade that was being formed to cover the whole Pacific area, like the 101st and the 82nd on the east coast, we hadn't fully built our strength up.

We were 1600 men and they told us to go to Vietnam and fight that war and hold the Fort down until the 82nd or the 101st or big red one, any of the big boys would come over and replace us. Well guys, every year that we were there, we were only supposed to be there for a year, but a lot of us stayed longer.

I stayed an extra year longer because we were short manpower. A lot of my own guys, they got killed. And at the same time, I'm thinking, what do these boys get? Or what are they going to get after fighting in this war? Nothing, just a burial adios amigo and that's it.

But anyway, coming back to World War II, the Japanese offered the United States millions of dollars and a lot of it was for the local people to be compensated for the hardships that they endured. You know, the walk from Manenggon Hills and a few other things, and the beheading of Father Duenas, which is my uncle and I was born at the same plot, same spot that he was killed because at that time, after he got killed, he was the 72nd or 77 army hospital at that.

Father Duenas stood up for a lot of people, but I don't see too much reverie about him going on. Same thing with the other people that died and perish in World War II, a lot of children, a lot of mothers were, but anyway, I'm only here today to see how far we're going to get with this again. Uh, I'm getting older now, back in 64, 65, I was a musical producer.

I knew how to tap dance. I knew how to cha cha and I knew everything. Now, if you see I'm walking with a cane, we all get sick once in a while. But anyway, I just hope that this legislature pushes on everything and anything. The United States promises us and hold them to parlay because there's been a lot of inadequacies going on.

Right now, Congress, the diplomacy of the Americans, soldiers, they're going chaotic right now. Nobody even knows who the president is, you know? And that's hard to say, can you see the man speaking to you on microphone and he doesn't even notice, like he doesn't even seem to

know what he's talking about, but anyway, that's for people to determine. So in response to this, I'm just saying this isn't the first time that this issue had showed up.

Back in the early sixties and then about a few years later everybody was supposed to be compensated per individual that was in the World War II era, not just one person out of the whole family and to get \$10,000. I'm not here for the money. I'm here to try and correct the situation from what, the way it started at the beginning

\$10,000. That's enough to just go pay for my car to get fixed up and probably get a paint job. But if you consider way back, I was a little kid. I was two years old when the war ended, but I remember when I was about three or four years old, the soldiers, the Navy guys would tell us that we would get money and we will be recuperating from everything that we're experiencing.

If far now, you're going to have to eat our food and this and that, you know what our food, our food was, the garbage pail of the American sailors, Navy and army leftovers that they ate. Chamorro's like me, including Ben over there. I'm sure we were eating garbage pails. There was no stores available, no construction available to build a house. Everybody was sort of like ripping everything off the old buildings that had been destroyed or whatever.

Even the commanding officer, a Chamorro guy, his name is right on the tip of my tongue. But anyway, he was the only American or the only Chamorro during World War II. He even had to go to his own distribution area for the Navy to steal material steal materials, to rebuild his mom and dad's house.

But he had the power to do it because he was the ranking officer. But what about the other people? You know, nothing. We didn't have anything to look forward to. Really, we were eating out of the garbage pail of all the military guy is eating and drinking. We made food out of whatever food was going to get from the local local plants.

And after that, my grandfather was one of the original World War II prisoners that were sent to Japan. And after the war was over, they were all brought back. And all of them, all of them that went to Japan were re stationed to San Diego, California, which is where I went. I was only two or three years old.

I didn't know what the United States of America looked like or what San Diego was when I got there. Wow. First thing I had was a hamburger or a hot dog. That was chow, compared to what we were eating in Guam. Guam was in a sad state then for almost five or six years. We had tried to contribute a lot of this work with the early Chamorros that were in the legislature because there was one photograph out here in the hallway showing the president and signing something. Everybody was there except for the Chamorro guys that participated.

I can't think of their names right now off hand, but you know who I'm talking about. So that mural out there it's wrong. It doesn't have the Chamorro character's that were participated in it. And as far as I'm concerned, I just want the people of Guam to be given things that they were promised and for you, people being the legislator you're fighting for us. Like I fought for you when you were kids when I was in Vietnam. So I give my all, now I'm getting older, but for the new kids coming up, please support them, give them something to fight for and something to work for. Don't give it to them freedom.



There've been too much freedom around here. And even the schools are getting weak. Now. Even the schools are getting real light-handed with the students. Kids walking around with their beards in school, they got long hair, the girls, they go like they're going to some kind of cocktail party when they dress to go to school. And the school buses are sitting out there to pick them up, to take them home. Big school buses, but only about maybe a quarter of the buses load up while the rest of the boys and the girls write off in their car.

So let's try and put some strength into our kids. I used to be a school teacher. I was a choreographer. I was a musical director and a lot of other things that a lot of people would like to participate in.

I was just fortunate to get into it, but now I'm just passing all that down to the new kids that can pick up any ideas and get things going. So regardless of everything else, if you have any question to ask me, please feel free. I'm not hiding anything from anybody.

The only thing I'm going to say is I grew up in San Diego. I learned how to play football, basketball. Baseball. Baseball was about the only thing here you can go on and that they had. When I came back, I was a champion considering I was a tap dancer. I was a dancer and everything, but I'm not trying to pamper myself because of that, except that I had more opportunities like in the safe and most of the kids that I left behind my own age group, but anyway, I came back and worked for DYA and I started my own production company, Bill Sablan Production. I brought top Filipinos into the island top Filipinos. I'm not talking about second or third class. Brad Dolphy Rico de Puno top singer of the Philippines and a few other lady, females that had a lot of respect in the field. So that then I brought in Society at Seven, from Honolulu, which were the top ten in Hawaii, they came here and stayed here for a whole month.

They enjoy Guam, the love Guam. They didn't even want to leave to go back to the Philippines to visit their family. They just want to leave and stay here and continuing having the fun. But anyway, Telo, I remember you in those days, you were a hot number girl. You were beautiful and young and you were talented and that was, I give you credit for being so young . Yeah, I'm going to be up on that stage, that the reef. Okay. You're a good example for the young girl.

Anyway, thank you very much. Can I go about my business?

**Senator Telena Cruz Nelson:** Thank you very much, Mr. William Sablan for your testimony, Ms. Lillian Terrel, you may proceed.

**Lillian Terrel:** uh, good morning and thank you for inviting me to come in and testify for my mom. My mom passed away in 2007. Uh, I thank also Mrs. Bamba that started this, uh, path of the Chamorro war claims. She was the first first person my mom went to, you know, were invited to, um, tell her story, her side of the story.

Uh, I'm the daughter. My name is Lillian Terrell. My mother is Barsa Lisa Camacho Espinoza born in April 8th, 1928. Her family live in San Ramon district that is behind the superior court. She lived here, uh, on the timeline, you know, in December 7th, 1941, uh, why Pearl Harbor was attack. Uh, but on Guam it was a December 8th, 1941.

It was a mass at the Basilica of Immaculate Concepcion. Uh, it was, uh, also a Fiesta for, uh,

Hagåtña, Agana. Monday early morning when she and her mom went to church, you know, and during the mass men, men from outside, she didn't know who it was, were yelling, *fan malagu sigi tun hatu*, find a place to hide. My mom ran out.

The first thing she saw in the sky were planes, flying over silver planes. Okay. But instead of hiding, she went home to her family for a couple of days. They were there. Then a spokesman for the Japanese came to their home and told them, move out. You're not staying here. Go find a place, take your stuff. No, I like to read to you the household and that scene because I have the, well, the house was, uh, if you can hear me or you might not, I had it all set up, here. On the household of her family was Antonia Aguigui, that's her grandmother. She was 67 years old. Her mother was 35 years old, Maria Camacho Espinoza her father is Joaquin Espinoza, Castro Espinoza, he was 34 years old. His oldest son is, uh, a clubfooted he's 14 years old. His name is Antonio Camacho Espinoza and my mother was, uh, Barsa lisa. She was 11 years old. This is a census of 1940 before the war came. This was a Census for them, they state, right. And then, uh, Jose was only two years old. They have to find a way to move their mother, their grandmother had a land in badigi, their family land. So they went there and farm, you know, but she told me, she told her family that, uh, yeah. uh, because it was a living, they had to leave the house a soldier. Uh, it was a difficult time for them because all the food that was planted and, and, you know, uh, taking care at home was near-sighted. And so they have to run to find a place to live. So it was becoming difficult for them, for food, water, and stuff.

But because in Badigi you can fish, right. I'e' and eels and all that, okay. But in the, during that time, right in 1943, through 1944, the Japanese soldiers, you know, men, women and children were, were separated because they had to work either a military project or they had to go farming, clearing land. My mom went all the way up to Merizo pulling grass, rocks hungry.

She said, she's always hungry. You had family member bring her breadfruit, you know, or whatever. And then she also said that during that time, when, I guess the Japanese notice it, the American were coming by, you know, because, uh, in 1944, the Japanese soldier had people walking, okay. Chamorro men were killed for no reason.

Her father was Joaquin Castro, but it wasn't because of his light skin. He's part of Spanish. Okay. He's six feet. They took him out on the field to show the people that anybody that, you know, no, it was, uh, refusing or they didn't have a, you know, their color of their skin. They were beating severely my grandfather, uh, spinal cord was smashed. So he was paralyzed half of his, his body. So now, uh, he's home. My grandmother was the one dragging him. He still, you know, fermented, uh, Aggie and those things because the Japanese would bring him rice because my grandfather learned it from his grandfather helped to ferment aggie like that.

So they, that drinking their whiskey, I guess. Well, anyway, sorry. Thank you. They dragged him around and his feet were bleeding during the marches because you know, my grandmother was carrying him like, like the gunny sack and his feet was dragging. I know on the 4th of March, she said she would, my mother remembered the one that scared her was the most was when they were walking. I don't know if it's Manenggon or something, but they were whispering, They dug the hole. You know, they dug the hole they're going to kill us all. It's a real big hole. My mom's house. So her uncle Francisco Camacho that's my grandmother's oldest brother was held forced to kneel in front of the whole with a rifle in their head, on his head when, uh, the Japanese start yelling and running out, you know, to the, because they saw American planes flying over and

they were safe.

The people ran, I don't know where, you know, but they tried to find a way to American soul. Uh, you know, where they're at, there were a rash and they were given, you know, American people gave little ration to the people that they, I think Sumay I'm not too sure, but I do have records of them. Uh, some of the people in Guam. They were taken from Guam and given to other islands, I have, uh, you know, the documents here where the, you know, from Saipan and Palau, Chamorro you know, that's how I think Chamorro in Tinian.

So anyway, when the one that really upset me was my mom went to three meetings. I mean, a testimonial. It was first Bamba. Okay. She, she highly thought of her as really good lady because she was going after for the Chamorro's benefit and then it was Blas or Bordallo. I'm not too sure. So when that day came on, you know, I never thought I had to go down or my, my dad, my dad is 94. He's still. Had to go down and file, you know, because all that documents that they'd been going to meetings, you know, they were signing documents. They were asking donation for paperwork to be done, provide for them. The one that I, I was really upset was when I went down there, they told me, I, my mom never filed, well, that's not her fault.

She cannot live to 18, 2018. She was sickly. She was already in her nineties. So, you know, it's not that it was too late. It was not too early for them. You know, I really want my mom to be hurt because her story and her family stories, they saw men head cut off my Auntie Maria, My mom was, uh, ran after, by a young man with no arms trying to kill them on the road, up to San Ramon.

Um, you know, uh, I also, you know, I feel those people that are up there in the war claims that a museum we're not represented really good because at least their older children can come in, you know, and apply for that because they know that their family, their family is the one that you know, was suffering.

They lost family members. Like, like I said, my uncle was never seen again after the war, it was, he was gone already. I don't know men were being killed women were raped and everything. Uh, I have, you know, documents all the way up to the 1944 where, you know, when the military. And, you know, they were helping the people like my family couldn't go down to Agana anymore. Hagåtña yeah. Uh, San Ramon, cause the place was destroyed during the war bombings and stuff. So they stayed in Badigi and then later on moved into Sinajana and then, you know, they moved down to Chalan Pago, now where I'm at..

But thank you very much for listening to me, you know, uh, my story is I want, my mom heard, you know, it's, it's very sad that a lot of the people that suffered or not given their, you know, they waited, they waited long. I'm pretty sure, you know, it's just that it, it took a while for somebody to open the door.

**Senator Telen Cruz Nelson:** Thank you very much. Thank you, Mrs. Terrell, may I ask, are you in support of these measures?

**Lillian Terrel:** Yes, ma'am. That's why I'm here.

**Senator Telen Cruz Nelson:** Thank you very much, Mr. Garrido, Vicente Garrido, please state your name for the record and you may proceed with your testimony. Good morning, sir. Thank

you for being here today.

**Vicente Garrido:** *Buenas guahu si Vicente Ulloa Garrido. Dangkulu na suppoti este yun miyu na Resolution put este War Reparation. Esta recibe yoku mapos na sakkan, pues ayu na matu hu magi para bai hu suppoti na po fan ma apase todū ti man ma apase tabia. I lekna gi repote ginen mas gi bente mit na chamoru man ma madese put este guerra gi tiempon japanese occupation guini gi islata. Mas gi bente mit; lo kuantu man lala'la' ya kuantu man ma apase? Taya, ti siguru hu kao guaha singko mit; ti siguru hu; guaha singko mit? Ya mas gi bente mit man mamadese. Pues guahu nai gos manhongi hu na hungan po fan ma apase todū taotao, lo manhongi hu lokue na kuntodu ayu man mapos y man maitai tati sa siha finenina este mu na possible este war reparation; siha finenina manachu, manachu hulu na ma kontra na po fan ma apase. Man hanao hit lokue guini gi manamko guini...ti mana amko hu lo amko hu... hu tungu na amko na yu kini uno guinie ...mafanagu hu antes di guerra; managu hu. Mapos si Nanahu; ha dingū hilu tano tate mas fanahan gi des anos; tatahu antes di si nanahu, ma adingo. manuekuentos ha put war reparation; guahu esta hu gaigue sinkuenta anos, pat kuarenta años manuekuentos war claims, lo taya ti man hasu taya apase, ti man ma apase, taya war reparation payment, ni hafafa'. Hafa na ti man ma hasu ayu siha? Pues manhongi hu na todū hu mana guaha bill or resolution pat amendment yo ma na halom talu yo apase yo mana fakpu ha este; mana fakpu umbe ya todū fan manai'. Esta nai man adingo hit y manamko, pues manai' y famaguon sa tenga manguentos hit put descendants, pat heir gi finu english. Pues siempre nai siha ma possible, ma accepta ya ayi gui utimoña; lo hagas ha hu suppoti este y war reparation; lao magof hu sa man recibe hu 10,000. Y tiempo ku ni hu nanga. Hu manao hu mu guerra Vietnam; matu yu tati ti manai' hu, esta ki mapos ha na sakkan hu recibe y war reparation; manao gumerra hu Vietnam, gi halom tano gi ya Vietnam. Ahi ti eyu y halom y kusina na gaigui hu, y halom tano gi ya Vietnam. Matu ha hu tati pues mapos na sakkan hu receive y war reparation; lo magof hu? Ti siña hu sangani hamyo todū, ko magof hu. Lo angin para ta chule tati, na malagu ha interest, yan disti ayu na tiempo ni lekna na para po fan manai' chamoru's y war reparation, ya guaha interest gi kada sakkan, broke ha United States. Ta man manai' hit interest. Lana angin siña y pumalu siha na refugees, pat ayi yu hostages, ayi y man ma koni gi Iran pat amano siha ya man release man manai' by the billions. Hita by the thousand ha. Ahi umbe ti ta gagagao uyu lao ti guerrata gachong. Man gaigi hit ha gi tano ayu na manai' guini hit. Lo man hongī hu na ma apase todū ayi man lala'la' pago y man uyu siha, ayu na mato hu, sa esta hu recibe yoku, ya matu para bai hu suppoti este siha ti man ma nanai'. Lo gof man hongī hu na todū, todū. Si Mrs. Emsley ti guiya manao, man mapos para Hawaii ma utut na 'anña matu hit tati...taya; na piniti' este. Pues este gi nai pago hita ni tumatatitiyi este siha; kumu hafa maolek na para gi direcho ta para y man chamoru yan todū siha, gaigi hu siempre, mentras lala' hu guini gi hilu tano. Gaigi hu guini siempre nu suppoti este siha ya tumatachu hu para man chamoru siha..ni mufafana' y prublemata guini gi islata; pues eyigi. Pues enao ha bai sangān. Ya Si Yu'os Ma'ase' todus hamyu Senadot, si Speaker Terlaje, Senator Shelton, Senator Nelson, Senator San Agustin and Taitague. Si Yu'os Ma'ase' todū ni na' possible este na gaigi guini. Ma na' chadek este; yan angin esta este todū man ma manai' nai; angin siña chonik yo fan ma apase' ayu siha man mapos tati ni man ma dimu hit...sa siña yu. Atana' ayi ni man manai' japanese; ni y halom y camp ha na man ma in tertern; y halom y camp ha gi ya y states; ti man mamadese parehu gi hita ni man ma polu gi...treated like refugees or prisoners in our own homeland. Y Japanese ni man ma goti hulu sa pudi y tiempon y guerra gi ya United States man ma nai' 20,000 kada uno; ya man mamaigu maolek gi air condition todū. Hita, taya. Lo 10,000 is a lot of money pa chamoru; lo lekta kumu un faisēn hu ko magof hu, ti siña hu sangani hao ko magof hu. Si Yu'os Ma'ase' hu recibe 10,000, lo to siña bai hu sangani hao ko magof hu.*

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase'*

**Senator Telena Cruz Nelson:** .Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Mr. Garrido , Mr. Ralph Rivera, you may proceed with your testimony.

**Ralph Rivera:** Wow. How do you follow that? Good morning. Senator Nelson Senator San Agustin, Senator Shelton, Senator Taitague Speaker Terlaje . Thank you for allowing us this platform, an opportunity to share with you stories. Just tell us the courage and strength of our man'amko.

How I cannot fathom how they survived this for two and a half years, I cannot.

For the record, I am not a war survivor. However comma, I am a proud son of two war survivors. I was born 15 years after the war, but if not for these two individuals, I will not be here today to speak with you and share their stories.

First, the most amazing human being I know in my life, my mother, her name is Agusta Tainatongo Rivera. Although she is no longer with us from up above, I guarantee you she's telling me, get this right.

I miss her.

My father is Jesus Salas Rivera is still with us. He's in Washington. That's why he's not here today. I will be advocating for both of them and reminding all of us that need. We need to remember, we need to write it down and remind ourselves of the sacrifice, the people in this room, the people on this island and the people abroad 28,105 days, 28,105 days.

Next week, it's going to be 28,105 days since Guam was liberated. 28,105 days for all of us collectively to get this right. We had that many days to complete this project and we're still not there. I have a job. I had careers. Imagine if I was given a project and it took me 28,105 days to complete, I won't have a job today.

We have a job. We have an obligation. You listen to these stories. I don't know amongst us who was there. I can only imagine I cannot fathom the atrocities and the fear that they all went through. I cannot. I served in the military 24 years proudly. You remember that Joe, my son is serving in the military proudly, but I cannot remember a day where I didn't miss a meal.

I cannot not remember a day where I had to go hide from somebody. I can't remember a day where I feared every minute of that single day. Yet, as we listened to these stories sometimes, and I hope that this legislature is not, uh, an empty barrel. I hope the rhetoric matches the action. And I apologize as I'm coming off a bit passionate here, but folks, we have one job to do.

3,650 days, 3,650 days is how many days it's been. Since my mom got promoted to heaven, we failed her. We did us and everyone else. That's not here today that were survivors of the war. How dare we, how dare we wait this long? How dare we slow play this? How dare we drag our feet? We elected officials to go out there and do what's right for us. The people. Yet, 28,105 days, 3,650 days. Who has an answer to that? I don't, I hope you do again. I don't mean to come off this way. I don't, I I'm going off strip here or script, but after hearing everyone's story and, and multiple other stories, we sit here 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5 senators out of 15, but dammit, boy, I love

it when you guys come around during election time and talk about priorities.

Yeah. There's only five of you guys to listen to these stories here. Five that's not even half. If you really do care about the people, let your actions match the rhetoric and please don't come to me next time and ask me for my vote and be talking about man'amko this and man'amko that I will show you the door because I know one thing, I have a responsibility with my job, and if I don't meet that responsibility, I am terminated. We all have a responsibility. You'll have one job here.

This bill. Thank you for this. I can't see anybody not supporting it. Okay. Not much of a controversial issue. Is it kind of a band-aid to a, fix an arbitrary line in the sand that we now have to? Okay, well, let's extend it out, right? Well, what happened before? My mom always told me, boy, nevermind living in the past. It's okay to visit it, but nevermind living in it. She's right. I don't want to dwell on the past. I don't want to marinate in the past, but dammit, moving forward, these guys here deserve it. My dad deserves it. Oh. The other survivors deserve what they deserve is your passion to make things right. And for us to sit here and remind you for the third, fourth time, the umpteenth time, Mr. Bill, Mr. Garido, Miss Lillian and multiple other hearings. But yet we're still here talking about a measure. That's okay. So golf clap to everybody. Good job on that, on something that was supposed to be done many years ago.

All I asked man, is that people just do what they're here to do and quit kicking this can down the road. Somebody picked us up and somebody do something with it. If you read this bill is got provisions in there 30 days from the passage, and if it's not pass, then we will go with whatever the default plan is. It's cart before the horse, somebody please read this. If you don't want to, I can for you, it makes no sense. Empty promises. Ugh. Here we go again.

I respect this group of people. I am a product of these group of people. Like we all are, if not for them and their courage and their strength under fortitude under a will to survive. We wouldn't be here today. Can you see the irony there? If not for them to survive, you guys won't be sitting up there, but yet, but yet you control their fate.

Think about that. Just let it think about that for a second. I'll give you guys some time while we at, when we sit there and we have to beg for things, Beg to do the right thing, common sense.

There was a custodian at a place I worked at, his name was Fidel simple guy. Didn't say a lot of words, but when he said words, he said something was truly profound. And he said something to me years ago and he says, Raf, that's what he called me Raff? So if you want somebody to take you serious, you want somebody to respect you and I swear to you verbatim, this is what he said to me. He says, boy, say it then do it.

Most simplest words, but so profound. Wow. I mean, that's common sense, right.

Let's not make this go on one more day. Okay. My, um, I want to, I want to close out this way. First. I just now remembered that I did not give my name. My name is Ralph Rivera, proud son of Augusta and Jesus. On Monday, I received an email inviting me to come provide verbal testimony and I punched the air. I punched the air because it has finally, there's a few people of you here and not here that I'd been communicating with for the past year. And when I say communicate, I mean, calling and sending emails and whatever I needed to do to grab your attention. Finally, we're going to get this extended. I got an invite. Wow. What do you think?

The first thing I did call my dad on Monday. couldn't reach him. Tuesday, couldn't reach him. Wednesday, couldn't reach him. Yesterday, I finally got a call from him on Face-time. he called me from the hospital. He called me from his bed in the hospital. He's been hospitalized from the weekend until now. He's getting older. He's getting more frail. He's still willful. We wanted to stay with us as long as we can. And not for this.

Talk about a dog with a bone when we fight for ourselves, no big deal. But when we start fighting for our family, watch out because gloves are off and we don't care. I don't care.

My dad was in the hospital. Guys still is. He's hanging on. Not for this. Well, listen, that's not Nick. One more fatality, a figure, one more failure. That's what this is. Every day, someone passes away is a failure on your part collectively.

Do what you're hired to do. And if you can't do that, find somebody else who will, but for darn sake, do what's right to these guys here. And my father, my mother's a little bit late cause folks, if not us, then who, if not now, then when. Thank you.

**Senator Telena Cruz Nelson:** Thank you, Mr. Rivera, just to be clear for the record, do you support, um, Resolution No. 121-36, Resolution No. 54-36, and Bill No. 130-36

**Ralph Rivera:** Yes I do Senator Nelson.

**Senator Telena Cruz Nelson:** Thank you very much, sir. Thank you very much, Mr. Joe Garrido. You're welcome to give testimony at this time. Thank you. Good morning, sir.

Hmm,

**Jose Garrido:** Buenas para todú hamyu ni man gaigi guenao hulu. First thing I notice...y na'an hu si Jose Ulloa Garrido. Chumelu ham yan si Ben ni ta'man ha' na tumistitigu. Hu suppoti todú y dos. Y Resolution yan y Bill. Lo guaha guini hu repara na y Bill dos y yoña sponsor sí Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes and si James Moylan. Y Resolution esta gui y pasalista y taotao siha ni man gaigi guini ni mu suppoti este Resolution, lo taigue si Senator Perez, taigue si Moylan, taigue si Frank Blas Jr., y taotao ni yahu na taotao ayu, lo taigue...

There are a few reasons why a Senator is not present during a public hearing. I get that, you know, either one is sick or some family issues that needs to be contended with or off-island. But if you are a sponsor, oh, any, any public hearing, any bill or resolution, and your name is on the paper, if there's no excuse, that is credible enough for you not to be present, then you should be present.

At the very least, they are like the gentlemen there, there are 15 senators, at the very least, all the sponsors should be sitting here. That is their moral responsibility to our people. The other thing is that, excuse me. The other thing is, I don't have any understanding why a public hearing, like this should be scheduled at eight in the morning. Okay. This issue consists, um, is, is, uh, a concern of people who are old people are already manamko and I know maybe there's an idea that maybe we could push this at eight o'clock and get it over with, but let me tell you, I support both the Bill and the Resolution.

All right.

I don't have the facts that explained to me why we are extending the deadline. I don't have, I heard yesterday that there may have been at least 800 claimants that have not filed a claim and missed the deadline, but these things should be written. And I have no facts. However, regardless of what the excuse is, I support all of this and I support all the Chamorros to be given a deadline, to file a war claim.

This is something that I opposed since the beginning that they're shooting even be a debt line, right? For this. We have gone 90 years. Uh, or rather, uh, since 1950, at least. And, and then, uh, the other, the other thing that we have explained to you and to the people of Guam is that yes, another big issue is that all those people that died on or before December 26 or 24, 2016 are not eligible to file a claim.

I have complained and I've spoken in this very, uh, floor about my opposition to that. So it is obvious that our people,

uh, to some technicalities and misunderstanding, our people need more than just to be told to go and file. This is the reason why we're sitting here is because there's got to be some government entity organized to assist our people to file. I know nine by nine NA colony stands out the Masa. No, no, eh, eh, Nana

But if you have to hold your hands, if you, if we have to hold their hands and help them along to file a claim, then organize an ad hoc committee so that these people cannot be left behind later on in the future. Okay.

Let me tell you that, uh, uh, everybody and there's ample historical documentation with regards to what happened here on Guam. And we don't need to regurgitate further on this historical, uh, information as to how brutal and how murderous the Japanese were to us. But this compensation is basically from the United States. And I strongly believe that, although there, there has been ample, uh, categorization of whether how much people should be compensated when they are. When their necks are cut off, basically murdered by the Japanese and torture and rape and forced to March and has, uh, was, uh, explained by the war claims, uh, war claims process that was agreed upon by our leaders, that these people should be compensated this much, that much, this much, that much.

I strongly believe that the Japanese should provide a matching fund, a matching amount. Now, if the United States paid, that's a more routine thousand dollars for being forced to March, I believe that the Japanese should provide Guam \$10,000 matching to match the United States, because the Japanese are really the responsible people to compensate us for the brutality that they committed against our people.

And, I just scribbled things that I probably, uh, that I think I need to, uh, express, uh, the bill is citing also that the, uh, deadline of, uh, 2018 and that both the resolution of the bill is asking to extend that deadline from 2018 to, I didn't really read to understand it completely, but to, how many more years do we need?

I don't know. Did it say extend the 2018 to only one year I'm telling you one year is not enough. The Guam war reparation commission that was established by this legislature and several senators were appointed to be the members of that war reparation commission, or I think one of them is the honorable BJ Cruz.



When you read that law that created that commission, I don't believe that that commission is non-functional or voided or over, they still have a job. I believe that that bill is still, I mean, the law and the commission is still obligated to do everything, to facilitate the issues that are coming up with a war claim. Um, I understand that that may be the legislature could look into that law and find a reason to appoint new members to that war claims or the war reparation Commission and find out what else they can do to finalize and close the books on our war claims.

Now what I'm going to recommend, whether it is workable or not. Is that when you put in the, whereas on your resolution whereas this, whereas that, one is, uh, we always seem to cite the number 20,000 residents, right? Do I need 20,000 individuals? I would think that that included non-Chamorros here, you know, uh, military, uh, military, uh, us military here station here before 1940. But I also think that they are there, there were at least 19,000 Chamorros on Guam.

But when you begin to research as an historian and you research how many, when they write things about how many people were here on Guam and who were subject to the war claims, and then we seem to be quoting that there were 15,000 Chamorro's here, or 16,000 Chamorros or 12,000 Chamorros. We need to get some kind of a, uh, a group of historian and do our research and find out how many Chamorros of how many of our people were actually here, because that is very important. How can we provide war claims when we don't know that there are 2000 more Chamorro's here on Guam during World War II? Okay.

We don't even know how many Chamorros were killed by the Japanese. We don't know how many, Chamorros were killed by the Americans. During the invasion we meet to establish that historical, we need to do historical research and findings, uh, uh, verify how many people were killed by the Japanese and many were killed by the Americans with the colateral or what because I know for a fact that in my family alone, there are more than 10 people killed by the Americans that seldom taught. Nobody talks about that during liberation either, but we need to find that out because if we continue to, uh, to say 20,000 individuals, then you, you will compare that to the number of people that received the war claim that can tell you a lot.

And, uh, yeah, I'm just saying that, please try to verify that 20,000. Because stop citing the number of people here without any, uh, verification there that or documentation that there were indeed 20,000 people yet. The other recommendation I would like to for the, for, for the resolution to be added with is an add another whereas, I don't know, that were asked that all war survivors, whoa, those people who were present on Guam during the Japanese occupation have the right of law reparation regardless of their time of death. And I would like to include that our parents and grandparents and even Great Grandpa died during the occupation. And because my parents and my grandparents died before 2016, they were not eligible for reparation. That is, uh, a violation of their human rights of war reparation.

And why do we always agree? Wow. If something that we know it is wrong, wrongly drawn against some people. There's nothing, I don't have any bad things to say other than I fully support what you senators and speakers are doing and continue to do.

And please do not be weak in the midst of our adversities because we are not that people, actually, our history told us that our people were not weak, we were just reduce almost to extinction and all of those Chamorros who were brave to fight to the death were killed. And well, thank you for coming up with this and please, for the sake of the manamko.

Look, I know when you look at me, Joe, you know me for the past year. Nobody's thinking that Joe's a manamko. I am 77. I am a manamko, but you know what, I'm speaking for the and those that have gone before me, my brothers and I will always, will always fight for our people. I think that it is the right thing to do for the Guam legislature to add that all those people who died before 2016, I believe it's December 24, December 26, 2016. Okay. Shall also be eligible to be, uh, provided the war reparation, just like the others that serve our island. It is incredible for me that we agreed with that, but I know that there is a reason why we agreed to such an agreement because we thought that maybe the compensation can move on. And then later on, we can settle those kinds of discrepancies.

But if this legislature do not act on that, I'm afraid that we will never settle our war reparation claim of our people. We have to do it. We are in the midst, very close to celebrating our liberation. Uh, I'm just going to hold back. My, uh, my real interpretation of what liberation is, but thank you very much for coming up with a bill and the resolution and I, I support it. And please, if you have any questions, I'll be glad to respond. Other than that, I shall leave.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you Mr. Garrido. To address one of your questions was the statutory deadline and how long we were requesting to lift it, for the Resolution No. 121-36, it's just to completely remove a deadline altogether, so that it would be indefinite opportunity for those to continue to apply for the war reparations. That's just specifically for Resolution No. 121-36 and then the question was why were we addressing the removal of the timeline, is because we've had a lot of constituents come to our office asking us, that they were not able to able to submit the application in on time and so, that's why we are addressing it and Mr. Rivera to address some of your concerns, we are looking at different types of avenues to try for justice, the justice for our grandparents and our parents to receive war reparations as we agreed upon historically and so there in these measures, we have one that goes directly to President Biden, we have one that acts within locally our Government and then also went to Congress and so, we're trying all different avenues of approach to try to secure the right thing to do. So, thank you very much, we share in the frustrations that you have and we are continuing to work towards this goal, until we are 100% complete. I don't think this, we will not give up. Okay, at this time I would like to offer Senator Shelton, if she has any comments or question for the panel.

**Senator Amanda L. Shelton:** Thank you very much Madam Chair. I don't have any questions for the panel, but I want to say my sincerest thank you to everyone for being here today, for sharing your story, your parents story and reliving this moment for all of us. I know how difficult it is, how the wounds are still very fresh for our people. So, I really appreciate it, that you're here continuing to fight and working towards a better, a better form of justice for the people of Guam, who suffered throughout the occupation. Thank you very much.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you. Senator San Agustin.

**Senator Joe S. San Agustin:** Thank you Madam Chair. I'd like to thank the panel for being here and Ralph we go back awhile back. Ben and Joe, Ben, we together in Police Department and Joe we were together in the National Guard. Yes, the idea of no deadline, just continue, everybody continue to file is appropriate. The issue you brought up Joe in reference to the Japanese maybe paying a share, we remind ourselves that the United States Government who's actually got us to pay our own, pay or own people the atrocities is amazing, how that worked, but I believe the goal now is to let's settle that, then let's go after that issue you brought up, maybe see how we

can address that with the Japanese Government that you need to pay your share, regardless if the United States Government said we'll take care of Guam, which they failed to do. That's the message I'm getting from you Joe and I believe you're right on track and that maybe and if possible find how our people that passed before they even came up with this, this war reparation payment can be addressed and then we move forward from that, but I don't believe the door is closed yet. I don't see it closing as long as I'm here, I'm going to continue supporting that. We just keep moving forward one day at a time and take a bite of it and I'd give up on it. Thank you Madam Chair.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you Senator San Agustin. Madam Speaker.

**Speaker Therese M. Terlaje:** Thank you Madam Chair. Just *Un Dangkulu na si Yu'us ma'ase'* for all of you being here again and to continue, I think you always remind us of and you make it very clear and I'm always so grateful that you are continuing to educate all of us, all of Guam that this is real, that this is something that we cannot ever forget or get wrong or get or become complacent about either, right? That and that even though we've received some war claims, right and that's good, but it's you know for justice to be truly done, it can never be enough. It's not enough, yeah it's very clear, those, it's unbelievable right, when you brought up Ms. Emsley and people who passed away prior to this deadline, that it can never settle right in our heads. I'm sure and in our hearts, because they're the ones that we're fighting for it so long, like your mother Ms. Tyrell and they fought for it, they're the reasons why and it was even you know, become this far, but they're the ones who live through it and they're the ones who suffer, many of them suffer you know the most and so, I know it's not always satisfactory like the way, what we have in front of us, at in one moment, but I hope we don't lose faith, that we're not going to give up, that we're going to keep trying and that we need to continue. I really appreciate Joe's suggestion we need to continue to be creative and to not to keep saying it, first of all keeping saying over and over again, right? That there were people who died prior to this deadline, who truly suffered who were even killed, who were not covered by this and that continues to be an injustice and secondly, that we can be creative and we can look, not give up or the United States gave up or anybody else gave up, that we don't have to give up and we should never give up trying to be creative, trying to find another way to ensure some type of better justice. So, I want to very much thank you for being here, to continuing despite the hour, despite the inconvenience and everything that it is, despite you're family still suffering in a hospital and you're still here to do this with us, I really appreciate that and I know like the *Manamko'* when they have to come and do this in front of Congress, in front of the Commissions and in front of the Legislatures, they had to relive their stories over and over, but they were willing to do that for justices. So, I want to thank you for also willing to do that. I want you to know, I'm taking it very seriously, everything that you said and we will continue to try to do our best. *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*. Thank you Madam Chair.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Senator Taitague, do you have any questions or comments for the panel?

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I'd like to thank you so much for being here today and also not giving up on the fight for justice. I'd like to thank Mr. Sablan, who was here earlier saying those kind words about me and you know Ms. Terrell, your stories and just looking at that binder that you brought this afternoon and keeping all that data and history is very important and I want to commend you for that and not give up and I hope today's public

hearing too would be incorporated into that binder to show the fight will continue, because it's people like the next generation. Mr. Rivera you are the new Mr. Garridos', because I grew up listening to these Brother Garridos' advocates with passion, major passion when they spoke, people listen, because they put their heart on their sleeve and in their voice and now seeing the next generation, which yourself to come up and have that same passion to continue the work that they've been doing and advocating for, it's commendable, I thank you so much. You know when you mentioned about your father, I wish him the very, very best. My Father is still alive today, too. He'll be 92 years old in September and he tells me the story every time, even when we're driving down to *Inalahan* where we're originally from, he will tell me stories about the war and how they carried the bombs from *Inalahan* to *Hagatna* and he reminds every day and I see it in his eyes, even to the day when he received his check from the war reparation, he turned to me and he said it's not fair for the others, that they don't get it and definitely not fair for some of the *Manâmkô*' who wasn't able to meet the deadline, because they didn't know about it. Many of them are ranchers, they don't have electronics, so they don't you know look in the paper every day and it's not fair and I think Mr. Garrido hit it on the nose, when he said that there should be a commission to seek out those individuals, not just think that they're going to show up, but seek them out and bring them to the table. You know, I introduces a Bill No. 129-36, that is not being heard in this public hearing today. I was the first one that introduced a Bill with regards to reparations and helping those who missed the deadline, in fact my Bill creates a Commission on Guam to assist it, but it's not here today, which is almost disingenuous and it just dirties the water on what we're trying to do in the intent. I'm not saying Bill No. 130 or the Resolution that's being presented today is bad at all, but why are you leaving out the first Bill that was introduced in this 36 Guam Legislature to address war claims? Why is not being heard, so I ask you panelist to please and I'm hoping that the Oversight Chair also hears Bill No. 129, it's more thorough, it talks about the Commission, Mr. Garrido that you brought up and I hope that you'll be here during that public hearing. I'm sorry that you'll have to come back, it should have been in this public hearing today. It's Bill No. 129. I too have a lot of passion, I too feel Mr. Rivera, when you're talking. It makes no sense that we have to muddy the water here and make this political. We need to put politics away from this and focus on the objective, take politics out of this.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Senator Telo, please.

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** And move forward.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Senator Telo.

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** I'm not done speaking Madam Speaker and I know that there is a time frame.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** No, if you please. Can you please focus on what the agenda is today.

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** The intent is.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you.

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** On what Bill 129 does, what 130 does, in the Resolution and for transparency purposes. I want this panel to know and those who are listening. I have made a phone call to people who've been fighting this fight for a very long time, from the very

beginning, from the Robert Underwood days. This Resolution may be very difficult to get through, it might be heard, but in order for something like this to happen, it would take an act of Congress. In fact, it would have to take another law to go through Congress to change it, to change the deadline or to allow the extension, but you're right, we can do this right here at home. We can make that happen at home. Now, Mr. Rivera it's going to take a little bit of time, I'm going to you know be honest with you, looking at the timeline, because it's important that all the claims are adjudicated that are put forth now, that has been submitted to the U.S. Foreign Claims Department and then once that is completed and it's brought back to Guam or it's closed, then whatever is left in the account is then brought, given to Guam and we can start this Commission, but I will tell you right now, I will not give up and my father reminds me almost every day of the importance to continue the fight, especially for those who are no longer here today. So, please look at Bill No. 129, I would be happy to hear what you have to say or call my office, I'm looking forward to hearing from you and again thank you for continuing the fight, thank you so much for being here and taking the time. Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you Senator Telo and I just wanted to address one of the concerns that you had, I moved to have the Resolution heard on this day, Resolution No. 121-36, which is what I sponsored asking or imploring President Biden to extend the deadline, so it's not going to Congress. However, when I was scheduling my hearing for the Resolution, the other Senators came and asked if I could have a Joint Hearing for these other Resolution and Bill and so, in no way was your Bill left out in any intentional order, it was just the fact I was scheduling for this Resolution and then they reached out to our office.

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** Well Madam Speaker, I mean Madam Chair. I mean the sponsor of 130 is not even here today.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Yes, thank you. I think that she had a family emergency. Senator Brown, do you have any questions or comments for the panel specific to the items on the agenda today, please?

**Senator Joanne M. Brown:** Not so much question, because I don't think we have anything to question with the testimony that's been provided this morning. I mean this has been a long and winding road, it's been so many years obvious almost 80 years, since the end of World War II. I had a direct involvement when I got out of graduate school and I came back to Guam and I was working with the Ada's Administration at that time, the War Reparation Commission had been created and I was tasked as Executive Director to staff the Commission.

I was at this hearing that's listed in Senator's Bamba letter that's included in our packet, at that hearing that occurred with Congressman Ben Blas with H.R. 2024 and the work that he did along with his fellow members of the House to move this issue, of course as we know Congressman Blas himself was here during World War II and went through that experience. I'm sure that led to what was quite an impressive military career to be our first CHamoru General.

There's a lot of emotion with this issue, even those of us that are much younger that did not live through the war. I mean for me, my mother was born several years after the war, but she had older siblings along with my grandparents that suffered through the war that went through the concentration camp at *Mannegon*, that was brutalized, that lost their homes and had death in

their family. It's a very emotional issue, even for those of us that didn't live through the war, because we had to listen to the stories of our family members that did and the suffering that they endured.

You know we have a tendency in politics to want to get the recognition as somehow as if we've carried the heavy load, which we've not. We're not deserving of that and I certainly am disappointed to hear you know that there's a sense of disagreement about how Bills are heard on the floor, in Resolutions, because obviously we cannot lose sight here of what our priorities are with regard to facilitating the agenda of our people and definitely when the issue first came out to address compensation, I think we all recognize the one-year time period was not adequate. I mean it had taken so long to get here to a time, when Congress has finally recognized, the U.S. Government finally recognized their obligation to the people of Guam and yet our people, our *Manamko'*, our elderly and my mom's siblings that are still alive, are well into their mid to late 80's now that are still alive, there's only four of the original eight.

The timeline including those that are off-island to be able to submit their application and even be aware of this. I don't think that one-year after the waiting. Almost well that was what 78 years after the war, that this was an adequate time frame. So, I certainly support every effort to extend the timeline. You know when I staffed the Commission, I was able to go to this hearing in Washington and this was what 32 years ago to staff people like Beatrice Emsly, Tun Pete Cruz, the Former Mayor Bernardo from Yona, the three of them were the representatives of the members of our community that suffered during the war that had the opportunity to get into the U.S. Congress and stay and relate their story.

I have to tell you, I don't think there was a dry eye in the house that day at that hearing, the pain was still very real. You know Tun Pete Cruz, the night before he was up very late, he called me almost one in the morning and told me Joanne, I have revisions, I want to make to make to my testimony. I said okay Mr. Cruz, what do you want to change, we'll change it even though, I knew he was very anxious, he had come so far and waited so long to have his voice heard and I could see his nervousness, because he wanted to make sure that things were said just the right way, that he felt they needed to hear it and hear his message.

You know, I'm honored to have had the opportunity to work with these survivors, these heroes in our community that were able to carry and take that message to the U.S. Congress and I'm very sad until this day, that they never lived to see any, not the compensation money in our society is how we value things that, but they never got the recognition for the suffering that they and many other people in our community suffered, not a single one of them are here today, neither are my grandparents, neither are many of our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents that suffered during the war, they're never going to be here to see this, not the money. Money comes through our fingers and washes away so quickly, but the acknowledgement, the recognition of what our people went through and the suffering that they endured even after the war, just to restore their lives, their families.

You know, we hear of the families from Sumay that moved to Santa Rita and the families like my grandfather, who grew up right next to the old Spanish Palace here that were moved up to Sinajana after the war and had to start all over again, start their lives literally from nothing all over again and colleagues, I will venture to say this is one issue, we must be united on, because in 1989, 32 years ago and how many of our people have died since then, because I was there to

receive their applications and help them fill their applications for their war claims, but because our own leaders at that time, our own leaders here on Guam could not agree, ultimately on the amounts of compensation. H.R. 2024 never moved anywhere, it died, it died because of our own leadership here on Guam could not come to consensus even after the hearing, the voices of our people in public hearing throughout the island of Guam. We even traveled to California to have members of our Guam Community that were living there, that were survivors of the war provide testimony and then we went to Washington D.C. and of our inability right here on Guam, those of us, many of us, the men you know who were not alive during the time could not come to a consensus, because we couldn't agree on the amounts and that at that time was the closest we ever got to addressing compensation for our people.

You know a number of years ago after my grandfather had passed away Madam Chair, I had gone through his papers that he had left for us and in it he had a little receipt, that's why this issue is very emotional for me. When this whole initial issue, back in the 70's and 1980's were made to address compensation, our people contributed funds to help pay for their legal case. On that receipt was a hundred dollars and back then for a hundred dollars was a lot of money especially for my grandfather's retiree, who by then well into his late 70's and I know many other families went through that. So, while we can argue these issues on who's what and whose name is at the top of the Resolution and who got put in front of the line and who didn't. I think we need to have a better sense of our responsibilities here, that this issue in particular while we can debate many others, this issue in particular is very hard to debate, it's very hard to argue and I don't think we should be overwhelmed by our sense of importance about who gets to get recognized for moving these issues forward.

Our people have suffered so long, because of this has been a tremendous heartache and I, who are not even of that generation, I still feel that pain, because of the loved ones that I know that have suffered because of this, as you have and your family has. So, I hope we're mindful of that because, I think of all the people that have died since 1989, many of our *Manâmkô*' have died since 1989, many that I have sat down and talked to and helped fill in, almost a thousand plus more than applications that were filled in at that time and yet our people never got justice, because we right here on Guam could not come to a consensus. So, colleagues please keep that in mind, we have a greater obligation beyond ourselves and I hope Senator Taitague's Bill also gets heard, because her Bill, was introduced before any of the Bills and Resolutions that are before us today, this is something we should collectively be working on together, whose name is at the top really should be irrelevant to this whole process.

So, with that thank you so much for coming in, for sharing your stories, your heart, your pain, the pain of the generation, the greatest generation that came before us that suffered so much, so much. This is our effort here, we're almost really doing nothing, what we're contributing to this process is literally almost nothing for what needs to be done and what has been done before us. So, I'm hopeful Madam Chair that as move forward, that we collectively keep in mind the reason why this is being done and the people for whom this is being done, so that we can find a way even for those that are not here today, because yes money, we think, like I said money goes through our hands very quickly, when the people needed it the most, they didn't have it. I'm hopeful that we will collectively work, how we could bring these respective Resolutions and Bills together, so that everyone can be a part of this process and that we can hopefully put to rest the pain that we feel and like I said, I am not of that generation, I was not there to deal with the suffering.

I heard the stories from my grandfather, who very rarely spoke about the war, it's too painful to talk about these things. My grandmother died several years after the war, I never got to meet her, my mother lost her mother, when she was only three years old. So, colleagues thank you, I mean we just need to come together on this issue, let's not make the mistake that happened before, because so many of our people that could have been compensated back in 1989 were not, because of the dissension and disagreement here, because of the amounts of money and they never got their recognition. As Senator Telo had mentioned, thank goodness her father and the remaining members that were born during the war that are still with us, thank goodness we're able to, but the majority of our people have since passed away and the more we argue and we disagree, even less of our people will be recognized and it's not the money, as I said, it's a fleeting comfort of life, but more importantly we need to put this issue to rest, we need to come united on this issue and bring this issue to rest.

So, that our people get the recognition and the justice and the acknowledgement if anything. The acknowledgement for the suffering that they endured during the war and the suffering they endured after trying to rebuild their lives and rebuild their families, with that Madam Chair thank you and thank you to all of you for coming in and providing your testimony this morning.

**Senator Telena C. Nelson:** Thank you Senator Brown. I believe that we can agree on one issue and that is that, one is that the statutory required, the statutory deadline needs to be lifted and in whichever avenue that we can get this accomplished, that we should work together and get it accomplished. I'd like to thank all of you for spending your time this morning, coming out here, giving your testimonies, sharing your stories and Ms. Terrell, thank you for also helping us understand for the record your family lineage and for listing their names, that's very important especially for historical documentation. We have exhausted all items on the agenda and the Committee will continue to accept written testimony for the next 10 working days, testimonies may be sent via email to [senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org](mailto:senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org) or delivered to the office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Suite 202A 173 Aspinall Avenue, Hagåtña Guam 96910. A record of today's hearing will be available on the youtube and on the Guam Legislature's media site. This concludes the Joint Public Hearing, it is now 10:00 in the morning, the hearing is adjourned, thank you everyone and have a good day. God bless.

The Hearing was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

### **III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**













Vice Speaker Muña Barnes hereby reports on **Resolution No. 54-36 (COR)**, "Relative to respectfully petitioning the United States Congress to enact legislation removing the filing deadline for the guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act Claims Program.", with the recommendation **TO DO ADOPT.**



***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
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**Resolution No. 54-36 (COR)**

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**RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY PETITIONING THE  
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT  
LEGISLATION REMOVING THE FILING DEADLINE  
FOR THE GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY  
RECOGNITION ACT CLAIMS PROGRAM.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, on December 8, 1947, the Imperial Japanese military invaded  
4 and occupied Guam for nearly three (3) years. During these years, approximately  
5 twenty thousand (20,000) people suffered and were subjected to death, rape, severe  
6 personal injury, personal injury, forced labor, forced march, or internment; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the Guam Meritorious  
8 Claims Act on November 15, 1945 and was signed by President Harry S. Truman as  
9 Public Law 79-224. This Act authorized the Secretary of the Navy to grant

1 immediate relief to the resident of Guam by adjudicating and settling claims for  
2 property damage, death, or personal injury; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1947, Dr. Ernest M. Hopkins chaired a committee appointed  
4 to evaluate the U.S. Navy’s execution of the Guam Meritorious Claims Act. The  
5 “Hopkins Report” generated by the committee determined that the implementation  
6 of the Guam Meritorious Claims Act was not sufficient and payments for claims  
7 were slow. The Hopkins Report recommended to Congress that changes were  
8 necessary; however, Congress failed to adopt any recommendations in future war  
9 claims legislation passed by it; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on December 23, 2016, nearly seventy-two (72) years after the  
11 passage of the Guam Meritorious Claims Act, the Guam World War II Loyalty  
12 Recognition Act was signed into law as U.S. Public Law 144-328. On June 20,  
13 2017, the Commission’s Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act Claims  
14 Program began; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act authorizes the  
16 Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to accept and adjudicate claims. Section  
17 1705(B) of Public Law 144-328 gives the authority of the Foreign Claims Settlement  
18 Commission to publish a notice of the deadline for filing a claim in the Federal  
19 Register, newspaper, radio and television media in Guam; and

20 **WHEREAS**, following the implementation of the Guam World War II  
21 Loyalty Recognition Act Claims Program, claimants were given one (1) year to file.  
22 The deadline to file a claim was on June 20, 2018. Since the June 20, 2018 deadline,  
23 over seven hundred remaining survivors of Guam’s wartime occupation and their  
24 descendants have signed a petition urging Congress to amend the Guam World War  
25 II Loyalty Recognition Act to remove the deadline to file their claim; and

26 **WHEREAS**, under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, the  
27 Guam World War II Claims Fund, also known as “Claims Fund”, was established as

1 a special fund by the Secretary of the Treasury for the payments of claims. Deposits  
2 collected under Section 30 over the 2014 threshold are to be made into the Claims  
3 Fund with deductions for administrative expenses; and

4 **WHEREAS** an amount equal to five percent (5%) of such amounts are  
5 reimbursed to the Federal Government for administrative expenses incurred by the  
6 Foreign Claims Settlement Commission and the Department of the Treasury; and

7 **WHEREAS**, while the Government of Guam has demonstrated through the  
8 Passage of Public Law 35-61 its intent and desire to pay out World War II claims as  
9 expeditiously as possible, it lacks the statutory ability to single-handedly adjudicate  
10 claims not filed within the one-year filing period as the Government of Guam does  
11 not have access to records that are in the possession of the Foreign Claims Settlement  
12 Commission and the Pentagon; and

13 **WHEREAS**, our islands' leaders have an obligation to depict stronger,  
14 vigorous, and persistent representation for our *mānamko*'. The horrendous  
15 occurrences our greatest generation involuntarily overcame cannot be fixed by a  
16 dollar amount. There is no deadline for healing from trauma nor is it reasonable for  
17 our *mānamko*' to pay any more than they have already. The amounts deposited in  
18 the "Claims Fund" should be appropriated to our *mānamko*' and only our *mānamko*';  
19 now, therefore be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
22 people of Guam, respectfully urge the United States Congress to enact legislation  
23 removing any filing deadline for survivors of World War II on Guam to file a claim;  
24 and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*  
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
27 people of Guam, affirm the need for Congress to enact legislation repealing the

1 provisions of the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act deducting from the  
2 Guam War II Claims Fund an amount equal to five percent (5%) for administrative  
3 costs; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
5 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
6 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Congressman Michael F.Q. San  
7 Nicolas, Guam’s Delegate to Congress; Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United  
8 States House of Representatives; Senator Patrick Leahy, President Pro Tempore of  
9 the United States Senate; Representative Adam Smith, Chairman of the House  
10 Armed Services Committee; Senator Jack Reed, Chairman of the Senate Armed  
11 Services Committee; President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States  
12 of America; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga’hågan Guåhan*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.**

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Speaker

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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