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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
260-37 (LS)	Jesse A. Lujan	Relative to supporting Guam's efforts in Congress with H.RES. 837, introduced in the United States House of Representatives, which seeks to reaffirm the ties between the United States and the Philippines, and to further support the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Commitment.	11/28/23 1:35 p.m.			1/17/24	Author	2/5/24 9:00 a.m.	3/12/24 1:56 p.m. As amended by the Author	



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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

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163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hågatña, Guam 96910

VIA: **The Honorable Chris Barnett** *DUB*
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Author's Report on Resolution No. 260-37(LS) As Amended by the Author

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the Author's Report on **Resolution No. 260-37(LS) As amended by the Author** - Jesse A. Lujan – **“RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING GUAM'S EFFORTS IN CONGRESS WITH H.RES. 837, INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH SEEKS TO REAFFIRM THE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE U.S.-PHILIPPINES MUTUAL DEFENSE COMMITMENT.”**

Sincerely

Senator Jesse A. Lujan
Public Hearing Officer, Resolution Author



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson
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37th Guam Legislature

January 17, 2024

To: **Joaquin P. Taitague**
Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Chris Barnett** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Resolution No. 260-37 (LS)**

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

As per authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §§ 7.03(e), and, 7.04(b) Rule VII of our Standing Rules, and 2 GCA § 2103(b), I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 260-37 (LS)** – Jesse A. Lujan. – “Relative to supporting Guam’s efforts in Congress with H.RES. 837, introduced in the United States House of Representatives, which seeks to reaffirm the ties between the United States and the Philippines, and to further support the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Commitment.”

Please ensure that the subject Resolution is referred to Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author of the Resolution. I also request that the same be forwarded to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the resolution is available on our legislative website <https://guamlegislature.com/index/37th-guam-legislature-resolutions/>.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin J.A. Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.





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January 29, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Jesse A. Lujan 

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Monday, February 5, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

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We look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*!

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Senator Jesse Lujan <senatorlujan@guamlegislature.org>

Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 8:19 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

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 **Posted by:** Elise Calvo, SR Policy Advisor

 **Public Hearing Date:** 02/05/2024 09:00 AM

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM IN THE INTEREST OF
A.M.N. (DOB: 07/23/2017),
K.J.R.N. (DOB: 02/02/2019), and
M.L.A. (DOB: 10/16/2020)
Minors.
Juvenile Case No. JP176-21

SUMMONS
TO: ROBERTO AFABLE, Natural Father for the minor, M.L.A. (DOB: 10/16/2020)
#149 Ramirez Way
Toto, Guam
Tel: 671-483-3327

You are hereby summoned to appear, before the **HONORABLE LINDA L. INGLES**, at the Judiciary of Guam, Superior Court of Guam, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatna, Guam, for a court hearing on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2024 AT 9:30 P.M.

YOUR PARENTAL AND CUSTODIAL DUTIES AND RIGHTS CONCERNING THE CHILD WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE ABOVE MAY BE TERMINATED BY AWARD OF PERMANENT CUSTODY IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE THAT IS SET FORTH IN THIS SUMMONS.

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Dated: DECEMBER 18, 2023

Clerk, Superior Court of Guam
By: /s/ ALEXIS D. TENORIO
Deputy Clerk

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Attorneys for Petitioner
Teresita A. Guerrero

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTONIO SABLAN AGUON, Deceased.
PROBATE CASE NO. PR 219-23
NOTICE OF HEARING

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT UNLESS YOU DESIRE.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Teresita A. Guerrero has filed a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION upon the Estate of decedent named above, reference to which Petition is hereby made for further particulars.

2. A Hearing on the Petition is set for February 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Dana A. Gutierrez, Judge, Superior Court of Guam.

DATED: Hagåtña, Guam, January 2, 2024

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ
Clerk of Court, Superior Court of Guam

You may appear in person at the Courtroom of Judge Dana A. Gutierrez, 120 W. O'Brien Drive, Hagatna, Guam or you may participate via Zoom by logging onto <https://guamcourts-orn.zoom.us> and enter the Meeting ID: 839 7874 0380 and Passcode: 189701. For technical assistance, please call (671) 475-3207 five (5) minutes prior the designated hearing time.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HERMINIA DUENAS DIERKING, Deceased.

PROBATE CASE NO. PR0075-08
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by JOHN P. DIERKING, Administrator of the Estate of HERMINIA DUENAS DIERKING, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said Estate or against said Decedent, that within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the first publication of this notice, they either file them with necessary vouchers in the Office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Guam, or exhibit them with the necessary vouchers to said Administrator or his attorneys of record, Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC, 356 E. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 201, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said Estate.

DATED: Hagåtña, GU, January 18, 2024.

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/s/ SINFOROSO M. TOLENTINO
Attorneys for Administrator
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1 message

Senator Jesse Lujan <senatorlujan@guamlegislature.org>

Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 8:00 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

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February 2, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Jesse A. Lujan

Subject: **SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Monday, February 5, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

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 **Posted by:** Elise Calvo, SR Policy Advisor

 **Public Hearing Date:** 02/05/2024 09:00 AM


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John M. Benavente, P.E.
General Manager

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Guam Power Authority is requesting for information from interested vendors in building the Authority's vendor listing for the following types of work. *Interested vendors are invited to submit updated capability statements for the following:

- **Power Plant Maintenance Services:** mechanical, electrical, instrumentation services for various plant equipment such as overhaul, replacement, commission/test, repair, troubleshoot of pumps, motors, fuel and water treatment systems, etc. for Diesel Engine, Combustion Turbine and Steam Power Plants
- **Power Plant Parts Supplies:** supply of various types of parts to support power plant operation and maintenance requirements for Diesel Engine, Combustion Turbine and Steam Power Plants
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- **Power Plant Design:** design services for temporary and/or *permanently sited power plants ranging from 5 to 40 MWs or larger to include planning, construction, costing and schedule estimation, and project management services.
- **Fuel Pipeline:** *design and construction (new/repair) of fuel pipelines (above/below ground), and fuel storage and pumping services.
- **Power Plant Switchyard & Interconnection:** construction of switchyard and interconnection of power plants to utility grid
- **Environmental Impact Assessment:** services to provide biological, cultural & other assessments of project impact to environment.
- **Power Plant Construction:** construction services of various types of power plants and plant auxiliary or support buildings/infrastructure
- **Welding & Machining Services:** welding services to include certified high pressure welding and machining services

Please provide your company's capability statement and/or any other pertinent information. Responses shall be received by 5:00 P.M. February 5th, 2024 via hard copy and/or email.

Please address response(s) to:

Mr. John M. Benavente, P.E., General Manager c/o Jamie Lynn C. Pangelinan, Supply Management Administrator, Procurement Division
 Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building • 688 Route 15 • Mangilao, Guam 96913

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Note: (*) are changes made to the Request for Information



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regular Board Meeting Date: February 8, 2024
Time: 12:30PM Place: Zoom
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 Next Board Meeting: February 22, 2024 at 12:30PM

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 For the Year December 31, 2023

Asset:		
Cash (Bank)	\$ 3,394.07
Revenues:		
Donations	2,076.23
Membership Dues	.....	600.00
Total Revenues	.....	\$ 2,676.23
Expenses:		
Supplies	.....	312.50
Publication/Taxes	.....	185.00
Meetings/Events	.....	1,270.11
Prizes/Giveaways	.....	45.00
Total Expenses	.....	\$ 1,812.61
Net Income/ (Netloss)	.....	\$ 863.62
Net Asset at End of Period	\$ 4,257.69

/s/ Maila C. Pujol (Treasurer)

Approved /s/ Olivia Newman (President)

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Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room
9:00 A.M.

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BID NO.: GSA-003-24
FOR: Food Commodities

OPENING DATE: 02/22/2024 **Time: 10:00am**
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/S/ ANDRIANA QUITUGUA
 Acting Chief Procurement Officer



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Jesse Anderson Lujan

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Vice Chair, Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism,
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January 23, 2024

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:



To: **Honorable James C. Moylan**
Congressman, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives

From: **Honorable Jesse A. Lujan**
Senator, Public Hearing Officer, Resolution Sponsor

Subject: **Invitation to provide testimony on Resolution No. 260-37(LS) and Resolution No.179-37(LS)**

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Consul General, Philippine Consulate General

From: **Honorable Jesse A. Lujan**
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REMARKS
of Consul General ROSARIO P. LEMQUE
on the occasion of the
The Public Hearing on Resolution 260-37
05 February 2024

Honorable Senator Jesse Lujan
Honorable Senators
Stakeholders
Friends
Kababayans
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning and Hafa adai!

First and foremost, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Senator Jessie Lujan and the Senate of Guam for putting forward this Resolution No. 260-37 (LS) Relative to Supporting Guam's Efforts in Congress with H.RES. 837, introduced in the United States House of Representatives, which seeks to reaffirm the ties between the United States and the Philippines, and to further support the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Commitment.

This Public Hearing is an opportunity for the Philippines to underscore the vital importance the Philippines places in maintaining and further enhancing Philippine-US relations and highlighting the Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America which was signed on 30 August 1951.

Our foreign policy is guided by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s declaration that the Philippines is a friend to all and enemy to none. This is so because no less than our Constitution renounces war as an instrument of national policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations.

President Marcos, however, has also stated that he "cannot see a Philippine future without the U.S. as a partner." such is the significance the Philippine places of its partnership with the United States of America.

**based on:

- The REMARKS OF SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENRIQUE A. MANALO FOR THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASEAN LEADERSHIP FORUM
10 April 2023, 2:00-3:00 PM, Washington DC
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The Philippines and the United States, individually and through our enduring, modern and responsive alliance, must ensure that even if this architecture heaves to the shifts in the dynamics and the multifaceted evolving interests of actors in the region, the rule of law is its fulcrum, and it brooks no challenge from any party engaging in any form of coercion, intimidation, the use and threat of use of force in violation of the UN Charter.

Indeed, Secretary of State Blinken and Secretary of Defense Austin of the United States, and Secretary of Foreign Affairs Manalo, and Senior Undersecretary and Officer in Charge (OIC) of National Defense Galvez of the Philippines (referred to collectively as “the Secretaries”) convened the third U.S. Philippines 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Washington, D.C., on April 11, 2023, wherein they galvanized the importance of the U.S.-Philippines alliance to regional peace and stability. The Secretaries put forth a shared vision that supports the international rules-based order, deepens our economic ties, provides for our peoples’ broad-based prosperity, and addresses evolving regional and global security challenges.

The Secretaries acknowledged that the futures of our countries are not only intertwined with each other’s but also that of the region and the rest of the world. The Secretaries reaffirmed their support for unimpeded lawful commerce and full respect for international law, including freedom of navigation and overflight, and other lawful uses of the sea. They exchanged views on key regional and global developments that threaten global peace and the international rules-based order.

Mindful of the growing complexity of the Indo-Pacific security environment, including the multidimensional nature of modern challenges and threats to the peace and security of the Philippines and the United States, the Secretaries reaffirmed their shared determination to defend against external armed attack in the Pacific, which includes the South China Sea, in accordance with the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty, the 1998 Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) and 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), and redoubled their commitment to modernizing U.S.-Philippines alliance cooperation to bolster our combined deterrence.

Finally, and most importantly, the Secretaries acknowledged the central role of people-to-people ties—cultivated by generations of Filipinos and Americans, including Filipino-Americans—in driving the bilateral relationship forward.

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These people-to- people ties are evermore strong and vibrant in Guam, where we have staunch parliamentary advocates, like Senator Jesse Lujan in Guam vis a vis Representative James Moylan in Washington D.C., who take every opportunity to ensure and underscore the bonds of mutual defense between the Filipino people and the people of Guam, remain steadfast, as valued friends, as staunch allies and as blood brothers.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank you and Mabuhay!

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Reaffirming the ties between the United States and the Philippines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOYLAN (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the ties between the United States and the
Philippines.

Whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with the Philippines on July 4, 1946, and the two countries have since enjoyed expanded and positive relations;

Whereas there are over 4,000,000 United States citizens of Philippine ancestry in the United States;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have a strong and mutually beneficial trade relationship, with more than \$18,900,000,000 in goods and services traded during 2020;

Whereas the People's Republic of China continues to use its Coast Guard and its Merchant Marine to violate the Philippines sovereignty, including in the Scarborough Shoal,

Whereas Chinese Communist Party propaganda now assert claims based on a so-called “ten-dash line”, after a United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea arbitral tribunal ruled that China’s nine-dashed line had “no legal basis”;

Whereas in 1994, the People’s Republic of China unlawfully seized Mischief Reef and have since constructed 20 artificial islands that extends the operational capabilities of the People’s Liberation Army with the aim of expanding its presence and reinforcing their illegitimate claims to the South China Sea;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China is asserting its sweeping claims over the South China Sea by disrupting the regular resupply of the BRP Sierra Madre, a Philippine Navy transport ship, based in the Second Thomas Shoal, by shooting water cannons at Philippine Coast Guard vessels and using military-grade lasers to blind its crew;

Whereas, on April 3, 2023, the Biden administration announced plans today to expand the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Arrangement to include four new sites to strengthen interoperability and allow the United States and the Philippines to better address shared challenges in the Indo-Pacific region;

Whereas, on August 5, 2023, the United States Department of State reaffirmed that “an armed attack on Philippine public vessels, aircraft, and armed forces—including those of its Coast Guard in the South China Sea—would invoke U.S. mutual defense commitments under Article IV of the 1951 U.S. Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty”;

and

Whereas, on October 22, 2023, the Chinese Coast Guard rammed a Philippines Coast Guard cutter escorting supplies to the Second Thomas Shoal within the Philippines exclusive economic zone: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms the United States unwavering
3 commitment to invoke its Mutual Defense Treaty
4 with the Philippines if an armed attack against the
5 Philippines assets, including those of the Philippine
6 Coast Guard, is committed in the South China Sea;

7 (2) calls on the United States and Philippines
8 to begin joint patrols in the South China Sea;

9 (3) firmly objects to the People’s Republic of
10 China’s false sovereignty claims to the South China
11 Sea; and

12 (4) welcomes swift implementation of the En-
13 hanced Defense Cooperation Agreement to ensure
14 we adhere to our commitments to the Philippine
15 people, and to foster a free and open Indo-Pacific
16 for all.

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Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens

AUTHOR'S REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 260-37(LS) was introduced on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023** by Jesse A. Lujan and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the author, Jesse A. Lujan, on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024.**

The Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan convened a public hearing on **Monday, February 5, 2024, beginning at 9:07 AM,** in the public hearing room of the Guam Congress building.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices for this public hearing were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets, as well as the Government of Guam public notices website, on **Monday, January 29, 2024,** and again on **Friday, February 2, 2024.** The notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post on **Monday, January 29, 2024,** and again on **Friday, February 2, 2024.**

Senators Present:

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Presiding Public Hearing Officer, Author

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Senator Christopher M. Dueñas

Senator Telo T. Taitague

Senator Joanne M. Brown

Senator William A. Parkinson

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Appearing Before the Senators:

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate

Written Testimony Submitted

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called to Order at **10:55 AM**. RESOLUTION NO. 260-37(LS) "RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING GUAM'S EFFORTS IN CONGRESS WITH H.RES. 837, INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH SEEKS TO REAFFIRM THE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE U.S.-PHILIPPINES MUTUAL DEFENSE COMMITMENT," was the only item on the agenda.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Good morning and *Håfa Adai* (English: Hello). Good morning. This public hearing is conducted by myself, Senator Jesse A. Lujan, the Vice Chair for the Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens. I am today's public hearing officer and sponsor of this resolution. This public hearing is called to order. Today is Monday, again, as well, February 5th, 2024 and this time, it is 10:55.

In compliance with the open government law, notices for this public hearing are disseminated via email to all senators and all media main media broadcasting outlets, the Guam legislature's website, and the Guam Public Notices portal, on Monday, January 29th, and again on Friday, February 2nd, 2024 (Senator meant to say 2024). The notice was also announced via the Guam Daily Post on the January 29th, and February 2nd. The Guam public hearing is broadcast on local television GTA Channel 21, Docomo channel 112 through 114, the live-streamed online *l Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s live feed on YouTube. A recording of the hearing will be available online via the Guam legislature media on YouTube after the hearing.

This morning my office will be hearing, of course, the Resolution No.260-37(LS), "relative to supporting Guam's efforts in Congress with House Resolution 837, introduced in the United States

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House of Representatives, which seeks to reaffirm the ties between the United States and the Philippines and to further support the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Agreement," introduced by myself.

I'd like to begin by welcoming, of course, my colleagues for joining me, Senator Dueñas, good morning again, Senator Taitague, again, thank you for joining me. Once again, thank you everyone for coming and being with us this morning.

I introduced again, Resolution No.260-37(LS) because we need to support the House Resolution 837, introduced by Congressman Moylan, which seeks to reaffirm ties between the United States and the Philippines. This resolution is a testament to the shared history, values, and interest that bind our nations. Like the United States, Guam and the Philippines has a significant relationship beyond diplomacy. Our history is rooted in strong economic, cultural and familial ties dating back centuries. People of the Philippines have integrated seamlessly into Guam, making our island their home and making our connection to the Philippines much stronger. In light of the recent geopolitical developments, particularly concerning the South China Sea, the need for steadfast support and collaboration becomes crucial. The encroachment of the People's Republic of China into the sovereignty of the Philippines is a act of aggression and warrants an appropriate response from the United States and those of us who value peace, stability and adherence to international law in the Indo-Pacific. It is imperative to acknowledge the interconnected nature of our security concerns. Guam with our geopolitical proximity to the Philippines stands as a stakeholder in regional stability. Any disturbance in the Philippines, be it political unrest, natural disasters, or security threats directly impacts Guam.

I want to commend the Biden Administration's commitment to expanding the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, a step towards bolstering collaboration between the United States and the Philippines in addressing shared challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. This affirmation of mutual defense obligations in the South China Sea demonstrates a resolute stance against any threats to peace and security, In conclusion, the Guam Legislature stands united in recognizing the significance of stability and security in the Philippines. We affirm our support in invoking the Mutual Defense Treaty in the face of any armed attack against the Philippines and welcomes swift implementation of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement. I hope my colleagues and the public will join me in support of Resolution 260-37.

And to testify this morning, of course, we have the Consul General of the Philippines, Ms. Rosario Lemque, the Consul General. And Consul Joaquin Ricardo Aragon, with the Consul General, so,

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again, thank you and welcome. I apologize for the wait. The seating time that you had to wait. But thank you very much for being here this morning again. Please introduce yourselves and read your testimony. Thank you again. And welcome. *Håfa Adai* (English: Hello).

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Honorable Chair, Senator Jesse Lujan, Honorable Speaker, Senator Therese Terlaje, Senators Taitague, and Senator Dueñas, good morning. First, and foremost, I wish to express my sincerest appreciation in Senator Jesse Lujan and the Senate of Guam for putting forward the Resolution No. 260-37(LS), "Relative to supporting Guam's efforts with Congress with H.RES. 837 introduced in the United States House of Representatives which seeks to reaffirm the ties between the Philippines and the United States. And to further support Philippines-U.S. Mutual Defense Commitment." This public hearing is an opportunity for the Philippines to underscore the vital importance the Philippines places in maintaining and further enhancing Philippines-U.S. relations and highlighting the Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America, which was signed on August 30, 1951. Our foreign policies guided by President Ferdinand Marcos's Jr. declaration that "the Philippines is a friend to all and enemy to none." No less than the Philippine Constitution renounces war as an instrument of national policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land. And adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations. President Marcos has also stated that he cannot see a Philippine future without the U.S. as a partner. Such is the significance of the Philippines, that the Philippines places on its partnership with the United States of America. The Philippines and the United States individually, and through our enduring modern and responsive alliance must ensure that even if this architecture heaves to the shifts in the dynamics and the multifaceted evolving interest of actors in the region, the rule of law is its fulcrum. And it brooks no challenge from any party engaging in any form of coercion, intimidation, and the use and threat of use of force in violation of the U.N. Charter. In April 11, 2023, the U.S. Secretary of State Blinken, U.S. Secretary of Defense Austin, Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Manalo, and Philippine Senior Under Secretary and Officer in Charge of National Defense Galvez, referred to as collectively as "The Secretaries," convened the third U.S.-Philippines "Two Plus Two Ministerial Dialogue" in Washington, D.C. During this dialogue, the secretaries collectively underscored the importance of the U.S.-Philippines alliance to regional peace and stability. The secretaries put forth a shared vision that supports the international rules-based order, deepens our economic ties, provides for our people's broad-based prosperity and addresses evolving regional and global security challenges. The secretaries acknowledged the futures of our countries are not only intertwined with each others but also that of the region and the rest of the world. The secretaries reaffirmed their support for unimpeded lawful commerce and full respect for

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international law including freedom of navigation and overflight and other lawful uses of the sea. They exchanged views on regional key issues and global developments that threaten global peace and the international rules-based order. Mindful of the growing complexity of the Indo-Pacific security environment, including the multi-dimensional nature of modern challenges and threats to the peace and security of the Philippines and the United States, the Secretaries reaffirmed their shared determination to defend against external armed attacks in the Pacific, which includes the South China Sea in accordance with the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty, the 1998 Visiting Forces Agreement and the 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, and redoubled their commitment to modernizing U.S.-Philippines Alliance Cooperation to bolster our combined deterrence. Finally, and most importantly the secretaries acknowledged the central role of people to people ties cultivated by generations of Filipinos and Americans including Filipino Americans in driving the bilateral relationship forward. These people-to-people ties are ever more strong and vibrant in Guam where we have staunch parliamentary advocates like Senator Jesse Lujan in Guam, Visa Representative James Moylan in Washington D.C., who take every opportunity to ensure and underscore the bonds of mutual defense between the Philippine people, Filipino people and the people of Guam remain steadfast as valued friends and as staunch allies. Again, may I extend my deep appreciation as a representative of my country, the Philippines to the 37th Legislature of Guam, offer your support in matters involving Philippines and Philippines-U.S. relations. *Si yu'os ma'åse* (English: thank you). Thank you, and *Mabuhay* (English: Cheers/welcome/long live).

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Thank you very much, Consul General. Before I recognize Consul Joaquin, thank you for joining us, Speaker Terlaje, and Senator Brown. Consul? You good? Oh, you're not (testifying – indicating to Consul Joaquin)? Oh okay. Great. Senator Dueñas.

Senator Christopher M. Dueñas: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, I want to just express my appreciation and gratitude for the Consul General of the Philippines Office for coming and presenting a very strong endorsement to this resolution, 260-37. You know, I also want to appreciate your patience this morning, but I think you could see the importance of what the prior resolution actually means. And that is building the resilience also by working with our international partners starting with defense, all the way through utilities, and other major efforts of our national government to fund the capabilities of Guam for resiliency. As we know, one of the reasons why Guam is also so resilient, is because we have such a vibrant community from the Philippines who contribute in so many ways to our economy, to our quality of life, and the like. So, I just wanted to express my appreciation, I really don't have any questions, I think that this resolution stands on its merit and I think that it will bring to light, once again in the U.S. Congress supporting our Congressman and his efforts - you know, as far as I'm concerned - the unbreakable bond that we

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have with our brothers and sisters of the Philippines. And so, I just wanted to make a few comments and once again thank you for supporting, and I think your support is going to go a long way in the committee report as it goes forward. And, also, once again, will because it has a defense posture in nature in terms of mutual defense, and as you say, Madam Consul General, the proper international laws that should protect all of us, and our rights and our abilities to operate as countries and people. And so, I think that your testimony is going to go a long way to support this effort. And at some point, I'm sure will be entered into the Congressional record and we'll continue to further our relations and our mutual respect and admiration. So, thank you once again, for appearing before us. And we really appreciate every time that we extend this invitation, we always get a very strongly worded and well-worded letters of support for the efforts of the 37th Guam Legislature. So, thank you very much. And I know, we're in February, but still, Happy New Year to you and all of your staff and the people at the Consulate General's office, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul-General, Philippine Consulate: Thank you, Mr. Senator.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Thank you, Senator Dueñas. I know Senator Taitague and Senator Brown have to be at a meeting so, Speaker, if you don't mind? Just real short statements from Senator Taitague and Senator Brown. (Speaker Terlaje agrees.)

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Senator Taitague, thank you.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Thank you, very short. I'm always known for being very short. But I remember following this from way back. You know, this situation that was going on and you know it's unfortunate. You know, and it's very scary for the Filipino people, you know. It's happening, in their side of the world. But, it gives me relief to know that there's a section in here that's actually quoted in, the good Senator, the author of the legislation mentioned, that "...on August 5th, 2023, the United States Department, reaffirmed it's commitment that an armed attack on the public vessels aircraft and armed forces, including those of the coast guard in the South China Sea, would trigger U.S. Mutual Defense Obligations outlined in article 4 of the 1951 U.S.-Philippine Mutual Defense Treaty." So that's good to know. You know, that we're there as our ally. The Philippines is our brothers and sisters, you know, to the south of us. And I'd like to keep that good relationship with them, so I support this legislation. And thank you, Madam Consul General too, and I apologize myself for you having to wait so long.

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Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: Thank you also, Senator Terlaje (meant Senator Taitague). And I would just like to say, that it was fruitful for us. We listened intently to the discussions in the earlier hearing. Thank you.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Senator Brown?

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly won't believe it either, but I'm very much in support of this resolution. I think our continued partnership in many ways, culturally, socially, historically. But also, as discussed earlier even with the other resolution, I mean, we see the continued growing threats in the region that affect who we are and our quality of life and where we are. And we've both been through, collectively, the Philippines and Guam, the challenges of previous wars and I think every effort that we can make to build that friendship and that bond that we have and also protect the mutual interests within the region is critical. So, thank you for coming in and providing your testimony and I look forward to our continued partnership. Thank you, Madam Consul General. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Thank you, Senator Brown.

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: Thank you, Senator Brown.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Speaker Terlaje?

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you. As I support this resolution, and thank you for your testimony, Consul General and Consul. And to all your office for all your work on Guam and, of course, the contributions, I just wanted to clarify, if I could, Mr. Chair. So, this is a resolution from the Guam Legislature, that would go, that is in support of the U.S. House of Representatives reaffirming the United States' commitment to the Mutual Defense Treaty with the Philippines, first of all, and particularly, if an armed attack against the Philippines, including those of the Philippine Coast Guard is committed in the South China Sea. And in August 2023, according to the Resolution, the U.S. State Department reaffirmed that "if an armed attack on the Philippine vessels, including those of the Coast Guard occurred in the South China Sea, that the U.S. would invoke it's Mutual Defense commitments under Article 4 of the Mutual Defense Treaty. I guess, I just want to know then, has that been the case? Has the U.S. done what it said it would do in August 2023 invoke it's part of that treaty?"

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Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: There have been several occasions, that the replenishment of supplies to the islands that we have occupied in the group of islands that are under contention. The ships carrying the supplies were prevented from delivering, from doing its job of delivering, mostly, food supplies of our soldiers there. The Philippines has, repeatedly, raised its objections to what has happened to the country that instigated the actions. But at least, the incidents were not prolonged. There were several incidents, but they were not prolonged that would merit – I'm not quite sure of the specific details on when that thing that would trigger the involvement of the U.S., the United States of America. When the Philippines is attacked. So, right now, I don't have it and I'm not quite sure if it has been really defined to the smallest details as to when exactly that would be triggered. So, we're holding on to what the State Department has said because there were years before that it sounded like the United States commitment was not very strong. But this time, it was stated clearly by the State Department that it will be activating the mutual defense treaty. Now, as to exactly what kind of situation will trigger that, I suppose they will have to thresh it out and right now I have no idea.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Alright, thank you, thank you Madam Consul General. According to the resolution, there was an incident on October 22, 2023 where the Chinese Coast Guard rammed a Philippines Coast Guard Cutter escorting supplies to the 2nd Thomas Shoal within the Philippines exclusive economic zone. Are you aware of any U.S. military response to that incident?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: As far as I know, there was none.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Alright. And then other parts of the resolution talk about requesting a joint patrol. Is this the Philippines' request as well, that a joint patrol between the U.S. and the Philippines begin in the South China Sea?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: Well, it's part of the EDCA (Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement) exercises. But as part of the exercises, as to a regular patrol, I think it's not yet in effect.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Do you know if there's been a request by the Philippines for that?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: No, I have no information.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: I'm not sure, myself either, maybe Mr. Chair you can expand on that. I just wanted to make sure that we are consistent, I guess with what is policy.

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Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: I think I can answer that. And actually, between the previous administration of the Philippines and the administration now, there's definitely a big difference between the relationships of the previous administration and the current administration with the U.S. There's been more communication with the Philippine government now with the U.S. State Department, as with previously had in the previous administration. Again, there's the enhanced, I know that the Mutual Defense Agreement, again it looks like it's in its infancy again because of again, the previous administration, previous Philippine Administration didn't quite have that relationship with the United States Government. And so, with that being said, that is why the House Resolution introduced by Congressman Moylan, again, reaffirms, that previous agreement to enhance it even greater to bring it back to where it once was. So, I can understand at this point that the Consul General may not have a full grip on what's happening because it's again kind of re-energizing, re-surg-ing, that agreement that we once had and the relationship that the U.S. and the Philippines once had in regards to military might. And so, with that being said, I know that this current administration, the Marcos Administration, and the U.S. have a lot more enhanced relationship as opposed to the previous relationship. And as a matter of fact, working closely, as well, with our resolution, again, the Guam only visa waiver, resolution. So, that being said, it's again, re-awakening that once mutual, what we've had in place to again restart that. And I know, there's now more military, U.S. visiting forces, U.S. military forces in the Philippines as was previously had. And so, even with our own National Guard here, going to the Philippines, as well. So that actually is a lot more frequent, than was previously had. Is that pretty much-?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: Yes.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Consul General, you understand me as well?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: We saw that it's being envisioned. Yes, but as to the details, well-.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Re-envisioning, I guess. Yeah.

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: They've been meeting every so often and I would just also like to mention the activities with the Guard, Guam National Guard. I think there's really been an intense increase in the activities, the visit here and the Guam National Guards visit to the Philippines. The exchanges have been frequent, and we appreciate that and our AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines), also appreciates the increased engagements.

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Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Yes, our National Guard has a big role in the visiting forces, actually, in the Philippines. Absolutely. Madam Speaker.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you. Yes, and we've seen members of the Philippine Guard here in Guam. Very instrumental in their training, I've seen that. The last provision was about swift implementation of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement. So, this would be U.S. Congress, U.S. House of Representatives welcoming the swift implementation of an Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement and I guess this was following, the Biden Administration's announcement on April 2023, that they would expand the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement to include four new sites to strengthen interoperability and allow U.S. and Philippines to better address shared challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region. So, yeah, I just wanted to know what was the status of these, if there was a real impediment to it or they're going through with their, you know, commitment. Or whether they were not. And that the U.S., I'm hoping, Congress of course is going through with its commitments to the Philippines.

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: Yeah, I think the four additional sites, I think they have started, the engagements.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Okay, well then that's great news. And, thank you again for your testimony, and for all your work. And *Si yu'os ma'åse* (English: thank you), Mr. Chair.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Thank you, thank you Madam Speaker. Senator Parkinson, thank you for joining us. Would you have any comments? Thank you, thank you for joining us. Thank you, very much.

Senator William A. Parkinson: *Håfa Adai* (English: Hello). Good to see you again, folks. I see that this resolution is to be sent to leaders in Washington, D.C. Do you think it would be beneficial if we sent this resolution, should it pass, to leaders in the Philippines? And who would it be best to send it to in the Philippines to help facilitate this?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: I believe you can send it to several entities but the best would be the Congress, the Philippine House of Representatives, to Speaker Martin Romualdez. Yeah, and perhaps also to the Department of National Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro, of course also to the Senate, with President Zubiri. Yes. I just cannot remember

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if we can also send it to the group that focuses, well it is more focused on the issue about the West Philippine Sea, but it's an interagency body. I suppose if you've written to the Department of National Defense that would be enough. And our legislature.

Senator William A. Parkinson: We once had a Philippine national hero who also lived here on Guam, Apolinario Mabini, and they once said, "Freedom is the freedom to do good and not evil." I think it's important to note, as the Philippines has only ever sought to maintain its sovereignty, and the sovereignty of its waters, similarly Guam has only ever sought to defend itself and our people. Through our shared experience of Spanish colonialization, American control, Japanese occupation, and now Chinese aggression, can you talk about what this issue means for the Philippines and the Filipino people?

Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General, Philippine Consulate: I think, lately, before, the people, it did not really matter so much. But, because in the past, like May, perhaps, 5 years, the events, especially with the PCA (Permanent Court of Arbitration) decision, affirming which zones in that region in question are under our economic zone. People have been very much conscious about what's happening. And, of course, are very concerned, and I'm not quite sure, perhaps, because we also have Anti-American sectors in the Philippines. Perhaps that sector is not that big as before, knowing the situation. I'm not quite sure, but in general, Philippines, the Filipino people are very conscious and traditionally, the Filipino people have very strong affinity with Americans. Okay, so with the exercises that have been happening, it's very much welcome, the increased engagement, of course, it's clear. There is no U.S. base in the Philippines. So, we don't know up to what extent American presence is welcomed by the general population, given the situation at our side of the earth.

Senator William A. Parkinson: Thank you, Ma'am. I'd like to thank the Chair, for the opportunity to speak today on a matter of great importance to our island, our region, and our nation. I wanted to thank the sponsor for introducing this resolution and Congressman Jim Moylan for introducing House Resolution 837. In recent years, the strategic significance of the Indo-Pacific in geopolitical landscape has become undeniable. As the fulcrum of global trade, and economic dynamism shifts towards Asia, the Region's security environment has grown increasingly complex. The rise of China, seeking to assert its influence, introduced a level of uncertainty that demands a robust and forward-looking response. For Guam, this House Resolution 837 holds particular significance. Situated at the crossroads of the Pacific, our island is uniquely vulnerable to the shifts in regional power dynamics. The enhanced cooperation between the United States and the Philippines serves as a crucial buffer against potential threats, ensuring that Guam remains safe, secure, and strategically resilient. By reinforcing our alliances and fostering great interoperability

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among our armed forces, we also deter aggression and build a network of shared defense that contributes to the stability of not just Guam and the Philippines, but the entire region. The Guam Legislature also recently passed Resolution 234, expressing the support of the people of Guam for the Republic of the Philippines legitimate and historic claim to the West Philippine Sea, reaffirming the crucial role of international law and acknowledging the invaluable ties and common history between Guam and the Philippines. Together with this resolution, and resolution 234, we above all are calling for peace, relationships that are marked by cooperation, rather than conflict, stability rather than uncertainty, and the shared commitment to uphold the international rule-based order. With that, Sir, I yield the rest of my time. Thank you for the opportunity.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Thank you, very much, Senator Parkinson. Thank you for the introduction for those resolutions as well, as the author of those resolutions, thank you very much. Consul General, thank you very much for being here this morning. And again, you know, I mean, the alliance, of course between the Philippines and the United States and Guam, and the United States, we can tell with the months that it takes for Filipinos to be able to be able to get in to the U.S. Embassy for interviews. The months that it takes, you know, and exacerbated by, of course, the pandemic situation, and all that, so again, thank you very much for being here. Again, our alliances, as Senator Parkinson had mentioned, we have had numerous resolutions in this legislature that have been introduced and passed and I'm very hopeful that this resolution will pass unanimously as well. And will show again our commitment, our brotherhood and sisterhood, that we maintain, of course not only with Guam and the United States, or the United States and the Philippines, but Guam and the Philippines as well. So, that being said, well, in all transparency, I'm married to a Filipina lawmaker as well, in Iloilo, in the Philippines, and our daughter is half Ilonga as well. So, as Senator Parkinson, is as well, right?

Senator William A. Parkinson: That's correct.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: So you're half *haole*(English: foreigner, usually referring to Caucasians not from Guam), right?

Senator William A. Parkinson: Jalepeno.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Author: Jalepeno. There you go. That being said again, thank you very much, *Si yu'os ma'åse* (English: thank you), Senator and the Senators that were here earlier, and to all my colleagues. And if there are no further questions, or comments, and if there are no additional individuals that want to present testimony, this concludes our discussion on Resolution

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260-37(LS). This public hearing is now adjourned. My office, the Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan will continue to accept written testimonies for today's hearing within 10 business days from today. Which can be emailed to senatorlujan@guamlegislature.org or mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan at 259 Martyr Street Suite 101A Calvo-Arriola Building *Hågatña* Guam 96910. A record of this hearing, a verbatim transcript, will be provided as well as findings by the committee and all of that will be posted on the legislative website. Again, thank you very much for your participation, this public hearing is now adjourned. And the time is 11:33. *Si yu'os ma'åse* (English: thank you). Thank you very much, viewing audience. *Adios* (English: Goodbye).

The public hearing for Resolution No.260-37(LS) was adjourned at **11:33 AM.**

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The resolution emphasizes the importance of international law and peaceful dispute resolution in addressing territorial disputes in the South China Sea. It was made clear in the hearing that Guam acknowledges the historical and cultural ties with the Philippines, underscoring the mutual benefits of the relationship and the direct impact Guam faces in regards to any unrest with the Philippines.

The resolution focused on concerns that were raised regarding recent Chinese actions in the South China Sea, particularly regarding sovereignty claims and aggressive tactics against the Philippines Coast Guard.

Support was also expressed for the initiative under the Biden Administration to strengthen defense cooperation with the Philippines, including the expansion of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement.

Consul General Rosario P. Lemque of the Philippine Consulate Office on Guam testified in support of Resolution 260-37(LS). Her oral testimony aligned with the resolution and highlighted the need for stability and security in the Indo-Pacific Region.

Senator Parkinson indicated that the Resolution should also be transmitted to leaders in the Philippines and Consul General Lemque agreed, naming Speaker Martin Romualdez of the

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In conclusion, Guam supports H.RES.837 and urges joint efforts between the United States and the Philippines to uphold their mutual defense commitments and ensure regional stability.

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