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Bill No. 93 - 33 (LS)

Introduced by:

T.C. Ada  
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**AN ACT TO RESERVE IN PERPETUITY THE CROWN LANDS  
PORTION OF “LOT APRA HARBOR RESERVATION B-5”  
(RETURNED FEDERAL EXCESS LANDS) FOR THE FUTURE  
EXPANSION OF THE GUAM U.S. VETERANS’ MEMORIAL  
CEMETERY.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan*  
3 finds that it would be prudent to plan for the future expansion needs of the only  
4 existing Guam U.S. Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery by expanding the footprint  
5 of the cemetery onto available contiguous land, and

6           *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that the average annual number of  
7 burials over the past five (5) years average approximately one hundred (100)  
8 per year. Although burial capacity within the existing Guam U.S. Veterans’  
9 Memorial Cemetery footprint was recently increased by constructing a  
10 columbarium and additional above-ground crypts, it is projected that capacity  
11 will be filled by about the year 2030. Furthermore, as Guam’s population  
12 increases the number of Guamanians enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces can be  
13 reasonably expected to increase; hence, the future rate of demand for burial  
14 space can also be expected to increase. Therefore the expansion of the current  
15 footprint of Guam’s U.S. Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery would be provident;  
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*I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* desire to ensure adequate burial capacity and maintain the integrity of a single cemetery for the final resting place of our U.S. Veterans warrants that proactive measures be taken to acquire additional acreage from contiguous lots for the expansion of Guam's U.S. Veterans' Memorial Cemetery's footprint; therefore

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to reserve in perpetuity the crown lands portion of "Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-5" for a southward expansion of Guam's U.S. Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Reserving designated acreage of land will ensure adequate burial space for our Veterans and the preservation of the integrity of a single Cemetery, in the decades to come.

**Section 2. Reservation of the crown lands portion of Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-5 ("Lot B-5").**

The crown lands portion of Lot B-5 is hereby reserved in perpetuity for the future expansion of Guam's U.S. Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. (see Exhibit A- NAVFAC Drawing No.7943932 Sheet 23)

**Section 3. Survey of Property.** The Director of the Department of Land Management shall cause the survey and severance of the crown lands portion of Lot B-5 to be reserved for the future expansion of Guam's U.S. Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. The findings of said survey shall be mapped and recorded with the Department of Land Management Records Division. The survey and mapping shall be completed within 60 days from the enactment of this Public Law.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this law are severable."

