

MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 32 (EC)
Introduced by:

A. B. PALACIOS, Sr. 

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEMORIALIZING THE MEMORY OF ONE OF GUAM'S YOUTH FROM THE VILLAGE OF TALOFOFO, AND FURTHER HIGHLIGHTING THE COMMUNITY'S FIGHT AGAINST YOUTH AND SCHOOL VIOLENCE; THROUGH NAMING THE TALOFOFO COMMUNITY/YOUTH CENTER THE "JEREMY PAUL NEWBY COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTER" AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND SEVERAL RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN VILLAGE OF TALOFOFO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 1 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
2 the island of Guam, and in particular the village of Talofof, lost one its
3 promising youths to the tragic incident of violence in one of our high schools.
4 This unfortunate incident has resulted in further recognition that increased
5 efforts must be exerted by the entire island in the prevention of violence in
6 our communities, with much greater emphasis on encouraging increased
7 positive community activities, i.e. sports, academics, and other youth group
8 events. The Newby family who are residing in the village of Talofof, along
9 with the village of Talofof, recently lost the life of Jeremy Paul Castro Newby
10 at the very young age of fifteen (15), as a result of violence in one of Guam's
11 schools. Jeremy Paul Newby was a bright young man who actively

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1 participated in community and village activities, with a special interest in
2 traditional artistry. With the loss of such a young man due to violence, it is
3 critical that the island community rally together in recognition that more must
4 be done to prevent similar incidences from occurring again in the future.

5 I Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the Mayor of Talofofu recently
6 requested from the Liheslaturan Guahan that the Talofofu Community and
7 Youth Center be named in memory of Jeremy Paul Newby, a resident of
8 Talofofu, and also in remembrance of the on-going need for the entire island
9 community to promote positive activities that would directly contribute
10 toward minimizing violence. Because the Talofofu Community and Youth
11 Center has been a focal point over the years within the village for meetings,
12 gatherings, and other activities which fosters and provides a venue that
13 promotes good community relations and discourages any form of violence
14 within the village amongst residents, it would be appropriate to memorialize
15 the memory of a fine and active young man who unfortunately lost his life to
16 an act of violence. The naming of the facility after Jeremy Paul Newby would
17 also serve as a reminder to the people of Talofofu and the island of Guam that
18 we must all work together to insure zero tolerance when it comes to violence,
19 whether it be violence in the schools, violence in the communities, or violence
20 in the family.

21 Therefore, this measure proposes to name the Talofofu Community and
22 Youth Center, at the request of the Mayor and other residents of the village,
23 the "Jeremy Paul Newby Community and Youth Center" in memory of

1 Jeremy, but just as importantly, in remembrance of the need to continue to
2 promote and advocate for positive activities which would prevent any further
3 violence amongst youths and all our people; and also encourage good,
4 positive relationships.

5 **Section 2. Naming of the Talofofu Community and Youth Center the**
6 **“Jeremy Paul Newby Community and Youth Center”.**

7 Hencetoforth, the Talofofu Community and Youth Center located in the
8 heart of the beautiful village of Talofofu shall hereby be known as the “Jeremy
9 Paul Newby Community and Youth Center”, in special memory of a fine and
10 active youth member of the Talofofu community.

11 The Mayor of Talofofu shall cause to be placed a nameplate in a
12 distinguishable location of the building structure where visitors and members
13 of the community can visibly recognize it. Along with the name plate, a brief
14 statement to be prepared by the Mayor of Talofofu shall be attached
15 highlighting Jeremy Newby’s active involvement in community activities and
16 his love for his family, and further emphasizing the need for the island to
17 focus on preventing and minimizing any form of violence throughout the
18 island community.