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Relative to requesting that the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress, secure authorization and funding for a United States Department of Labor (USDOL) Job Corps Center on Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Labor's "Job Corps" is a no-
4 cost, educational and vocational training program that helps young people (ages 16
5 through 24) improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic

1 training, by providing them with a safe, drug-free environment where they can take
2 advantage of the resources provided to gain skills that can be used to secure
3 meaningful employment; and

4 **WHEREAS**, beginning in 1964, and for nearly fifty (50) years, the Job
5 Corps has been training young adults for meaningful careers, and is currently
6 operating one hundred twenty-five (125) Job Corps Centers in every state, the
7 District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; *however*, there is no Job Corps Center on
8 Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Job Corps Centers employ holistic career development training
10 approaches that integrate the teaching of academic and vocational employability
11 skills with social competencies through a variety of both classroom and practical
12 learning experiences, that help to prepare young people for stable, long-term, high-
13 paying jobs; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Job Corps program provides individualized instruction to
15 meet the needs of each student, utilizing standard eligibility criteria, while focusing
16 on the core competencies of each individual student in academic, vocational,
17 information technology, employability and independent living skills; and

18 **WHEREAS**, given the high rate of unemployment on Guam, our island is
19 an ideal location for the services of a Job Corps Center, to provide young persons
20 with the guidance and training necessary to secure meaningful, long-term
21 employment; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the median age of Guam's population is considerably lower
23 than that of the fifty (50) states, with Guam's males an average of 6.6 years
24 younger, and Guam's females 8.4 years younger than their respective Mainland
25 counterparts, which suggests that a larger percentage of young people on Guam

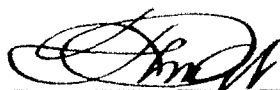
1 could benefit from the Jobs Corps program than could benefit in the rest of the
2 country; and

3 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately for the youth of Guam, the nearest Job Corps
4 Center is in Hawaii, some three thousand eight hundred (3,800) miles away, and
5 not easily accessible to potential candidates from Guam who could benefit from
6 the services that would be provided if there were a Job Corps Center established on
7 Guam; now therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
9 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition Congresswoman Madeleine Z.
10 Bordallo to secure authorization and funding for the establishment of a United
11 States Department of Labor Job Corps Center on Guam; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
13 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to the
14 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; to
15 the Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor;
16 to George A. Santos, Director, Guam Department of Labor; to Alfredo O. Antolin, Jr.,
17 Director, Guam Agency for Human Resources Development; to Adonis J. Mendiola,
18 Director, Guam Department of Youth Affairs; to Mary A. Y. Okada, Ed.D., President,
19 Guam Community College; to Robert A. Underwood, Ph.D., President, University of
20 Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary