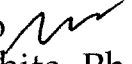



***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution No. H08-31 (COR)

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**Relative to requesting that Guam be included as a full member of the "Mariana Monument Advisory Council," and to encourage the promotion of the accurate description of the location of the Challenger Deep within the Marianas Trench.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** the Challenger Deep, at thirty-five thousand, seven  
4        hundred fifty-five (35,755) feet, and located within the Marianas  
5        Trench, is the deepest point on our planet, its depth greater than the  
6        height of Mt. Everest by over 5,000 feet (about 1 mile); and

7        **WHEREAS,** the Challenger Deep has been and continues to be  
8        one of the most newsworthy of the earth's natural features to have  
9        been explored in the last sixty (60) years, and the Marianas Trench,  
10       encompassing 50.5 million acres, is virtually unknown, despite being  
11       five times longer than the Grand Canyon; and

12       **WHEREAS,** when then-President George W. Bush signed  
13       Presidential Proclamation No. 8335, creating the Marianas Trench  
14       Marine National Monument in January 2009, he noted that the  
15       Trench is approximately 940 nautical miles long, 38 nautical miles  
16       wide, and "the monument extends from the northern limit of the  
17       Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States in the

1 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the southern  
2 limit of the EEZ of the United States in Guam...;” and

3       **WHEREAS**, the Proclamation required the establishment of a  
4 “Mariana Monument Advisory Council” to provide advice and  
5 recommendations on the development of management plans and  
6 management of the monument, the Council including at a minimum  
7 three officials of the CNMI government and one representative each  
8 from the Department of Defense and the U.S. Coast Guard; and

9       **WHEREAS**, when creating the Marianas Trench Marine  
10 National Monument, President Bush inexplicably neglected to  
11 include on the “Mariana Monument Advisory Council” any  
12 representatives from Guam, the United States Territory being  
13 geographically identified in the Proclamation as an island of the  
14 Marianas, and situated at the southern border of the United States’  
15 Exclusive Economic Zone encompassing the Trench; and

16       **WHEREAS**, since 1958, Guam has served as the launching  
17 point for those investigating the depths of the Marianas Trench, the  
18 first exploration having been led by Jacques Piccard of Switzerland  
19 and U.S. Navy Lt. Don Walsh, who crewed a successful dive by the  
20 bathyscaphe *Trieste* on January 23, 1960, and the latest exploration  
21 having been led by director and explorer James Cameron in March  
22 25, 2012, in the *Deepsea Challenger*; and

23       **WHEREAS**, the inclusion of Guam on the “Mariana Monument  
24 Advisory Council” would better enable all of the Marianas Islands to  
25 provide the advice and recommendations required for the  
26 development of plans for management of the monument, assist in  
27 protection of this place of historic and scientific significance, and  
28 would reinforce the historic claims of the United States, over and

1 above the claims of other nations, to the Exclusive Economic Zone  
2 encompassing the Marianas Trench; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people  
4 of Guam, respectfully requests that the Honorable Barack Obama,  
5 President of the United States, amend the Marianas Trench Marine  
6 National Monument Presidential Proclamation No. 8335, to include  
7 appointment of at least two members from the Territory of Guam to  
8 the “Mariana Monument Advisory Council;” and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people  
10 of Guam, also respectfully requests that the Honorable Barack  
11 Obama, President of the United States, amend the name of the  
12 Marianas Trench Marine National Monument to include the words  
13 “Challenger Deep” such that the monument name would become the  
14 “Marianas Trench/Challenger Deep Marine National Monument,”  
15 thus including the name of the deepest point on our planet; and be it  
16 further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people  
18 of Guam, also respectfully requests that the Honorable Madeleine Z.  
19 Bordallo, Congresswoman from Guam, advocate the position taken  
20 in this resolution with the Governor of Guam, the Department of the  
21 Interior, with her fellow members of Congress, and with the  
22 President of the United States; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the  
24 Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
25 the adoption hereof, and that a copy be transmitted to the Honorable  
26 Barack Obama, President of the United States; to the Honorable  
27 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Congresswoman from Guam; to the  
28 Honorable Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; to the Honorable

- 1 Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; to the  
2 Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the  
3 Northern Marianas Islands; and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo,  
4 *I Maga'lahren Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*  
ON THIS DAY \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker**

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**