

I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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458-31 (COR)	R. J. Respicio, J. P. Guthertz, T. C. Ada	Relative to respectfully urging the Honorable Secretary of Defense Leon E. Paneta to respond promptly to requests from the Congress of the United States to provide a Master Plan for the military buildup in Guam, and to satisfy a United States Senate mandate to include master planning efforts on Guam's buildup with all Department of Defense Overseas Master Plans.	06/25/12 2:54 p.m.					

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RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY URGING THE
HONORABLE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LEON E.
PANETTA TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO REQUESTS
FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO PROVIDE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE MILITARY
BUILDUP IN GUAM, AND TO SATISFY A UNITED
STATES SENATE MANDATE TO INCLUDE MASTER
PLANNING EFFORTS ON GUAM'S BUILDUP WITH
ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OVERSEAS
MASTER PLANS.

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

3 WHEREAS, since Fiscal Year 2004, the United States Senate and
4 United States House of Representatives have been asking the Government
5 Accountability Office (GAO) to monitor the U.S. Department of Defense's
6 (DoD's) overseas master plans, and to provide Congressional defense
7 committees with assessments each year; and

8 WHEREAS, the Senate report accompanying the Fiscal Year 2007
9 Military Construction Appropriations Bill directed GAO to review DoD's
10 master planning efforts specifically for Guam, and make the island's
11 ongoing military buildup a part of the mandated annual assessments
12 provided to congressional defense committees; and

13 WHEREAS, on June 2nd, 2012, United States Secretary of the
14 Department of Defense, the Honorable Leon E. Panetta stated: "In the past
15 several months we have strengthened the alliance and our broader
16 strategic objectives in the region with a revised plan to relocate Marines

1 from Okinawa to Guam,” and also said: “This plan will make the U.S.
2 presence in Okinawa more politically sustainable, and it will help further
3 develop Guam as a strategic hub for the United States military in the
4 western Pacific, improving our ability to respond to a wide range of
5 contingencies in the Asia-Pacific region;” and

6 **WHEREAS**, Secretary Panetta’s remarks were made at the annual
7 inter-governmental forum in Singapore known as the **Asia Security**
8 **Summit: The Shangri-La Dialogue (SLD)**, attended by government
9 defense officials and military chiefs from 28 Asia-Pacific nations, including
10 the United States, the forum having been established in 2002 and
11 conducted each year thereafter by the independent think tank International
12 Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS); and

13 **WHEREAS**, Secretary Panetta’s announcement relative to the
14 realignment of U.S. military forces in the Pacific paves the way for the
15 development of the Guam Joint Military Master Plan for the military
16 buildup; and

17 **WHEREAS**, further delays in finalizing this required Master Plan
18 could lead DoD to make budget requests for military construction, or the
19 relocation of Marines, without knowing whether or not the funds are
20 needed when they are being requested, which could create budgetary
21 difficulties; and

22 **WHEREAS**, additional challenges created by the lack of a Master
23 Plan include unresolved decisions with the governments of Japan and
24 Guam; finalizing the terms and conditions for the use of special purpose
25 entities for housing and utilities; defining the role of a new interagency
26 advisory group; and other unforeseen challenges that could delay some
27 construction projects, making it increasingly difficult to meet the deadlines
28 established for the different components of the buildup; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in a June 2012 visit to Washington, D.C., two Guam
2 Senators were told by Senator James Webb, East Asia & Pacific Affairs
3 Subcommittee Chairman on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that
4 the Senate was still waiting for the DoD's Master Plan for Guam so that the
5 realignment can move forward, Senator Webb assuring that "Guam
6 continues to be vital to a robust defense structure and should expect a
7 significant increase in military presence;" and

8 **WHEREAS**, the result of the lack of action by DoD to produce a
9 Guam Joint Military Master Plan, as has been directed by the Senate since
10 Fiscal Year 2007, has increased uncertainty in Guam and throughout the
11 Asia region, and especially among those residents, businesses, and
12 investors whose lives and livelihoods have been directly affected by the
13 absence of DOD's mandated Master Plan; and

14 **WHEREAS**, until such a Plan has been presented to the Senate, the
15 people of Guam are not likely to see substantial buildup progress, thus it is
16 in the best interests of the people of Guam that the development of the
17 Master Plan proceed forward quickly; now, therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the
19 Thirty-First Guam Legislature, on behalf of the people of Guam, does
20 hereby respectfully urge the Honorable Secretary of Defense Leon E.
21 Panetta to respond with all due haste to requests from the Congress of the
22 United States to provide a Master Plan for the military buildup in Guam;
23 and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that in his remarks in Singapore, Secretary Panetta's
25 description of a smaller, leaner, more agile and quickly deployable United
26 States military force employing cutting-edge technology, made it clear that
27 while the U.S. military will remain a global force for security and stability,
28 it will of necessity rebalance towards the Asia-Pacific region, with
29 innovative rotational deployments that emphasize creation of new

1 partnerships and new alliances, increasing the importance of the buildup in
2 Guam; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that action on the part of the Honorable Secretary of
4 Defense relative to the Guam Joint Military Master Plan will assure
5 residents, business owners in Guam, and investors from outside of Guam
6 that the buildup will continue to move forward and benefit the people of
7 Guam, the Asia-Pacific region, the United States of America and all of
8 America's allies; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
10 attest to, the adoption hereof, and the same be transmitted to the
11 Honorable Barack Obama, President of United States of America; to the
12 Honorable Vice President Joseph Biden, President of the Senate; to the
13 Honorable Daniel Inouye, President Pro Tempore of the United States
14 Senate; to the Honorable Carl Levin, Chairman of the Senate Armed
15 Services Committee; to the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House
16 of Representatives; to the Honorable Howard P. McKeon, Chairman of the
17 House Armed Services Committee; to the Honorable Leon E. Panetta,
18 Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable Congresswoman Madeleine Z.
19 Bordallo of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'laha*
20 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*, ON
THE DAY OF JUNE, 2012.**

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Speaker

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