

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Date Adopted
52-33 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to urgently petitioning the United States Congress to increase the annual appropriation for compact-impact aid from Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) to One Hundred Eighty-Five Million Dollars (\$185,000,000.00) to help defray the cost of services as a result of an increased demand for health, educational, social, and public safety services; and for infrastructure related to such services, due to the residency of migrants from the Freely Associated States in affected jurisdictions.	03/27/15 9:47 a.m.		03/30/15	Sponsor	04/23/15 2:00 p.m.	04/28/15 2:18 p.m.	05/01/15



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The 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature  
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**May 04, 2015**

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*  
*Ufisinan I Maga'lahi*  
*Hagåtña*, Guam

Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is **Resolution No. 52-33 (COR)**, “**Relative to urgently petitioning the United States Congress to increase the annual appropriation for Compact-Impact aid from Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) to One Hundred Eighty-Five Million Dollars (\$185,000,000) to help defray the cost of services as a result of an increased demand for health, educational, social, and public safety services, and for infrastructure related to such services, due to the residency of migrants from the Freely Associated States in affected jurisdictions,**” which was duly and regularly adopted by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 01, 2015.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary

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Enclosure (1)

***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2015 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 52-33 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**Relative to urgently petitioning the United States Congress to increase the annual appropriation for Compact-Impact aid from Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) to One Hundred Eighty-Five Million Dollars (\$185,000,000) to help defray the cost of services as a result of an increased demand for health, educational, social, and public safety services, and for infrastructure related to such services, due to the residency of migrants from the Freely Associated States in affected jurisdictions.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3           **WHEREAS**, the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-239),  
4 implemented in 1986, establishes the relationship between the United States and  
5 the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands  
6 (RMI); and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-658),  
2 implemented in November 1994, establishes the relationship between the United  
3 States and the Republic of Palau; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003  
5 (P.L. 108-188) renewed the original Compact of Free Association (P.L. 99-239)  
6 between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the  
7 Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI); and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Compacts allow, among other things, for citizens of these  
9 three Freely Associated States (FAS) to enter and reside indefinitely in the United  
10 States, including its territories, without regard to the Immigration and Nationality  
11 Act's (INA) visa and labor certification requirements; and

12           **WHEREAS**, since the Compacts went into effect in 1986 for the FSM and  
13 the Marshall Islands, and in 1994 for Palau, an estimated fifty-six thousand  
14 (56,000) citizens from these countries have established residency in U.S. areas,  
15 particularly in Guam, Hawaii, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
16 Islands (CNMI); and

17           **WHEREAS**, since 1990, Guam's FAS population grew nearly four (4) times  
18 its size from about five thousand (5,000) persons in 1990 to nearly twenty  
19 thousand (20,000) persons in 2010; and

20           **WHEREAS**, in the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003  
21 (P.L. 108-188), the amended Compacts authorized and appropriated Thirty Million  
22 Dollars (\$30,000,000) annually from Fiscal Years 2004 to 2023 for grants to  
23 Guam, Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa, which it deemed "affected  
24 jurisdictions," to help defray the cost of services as a result of an increased demand  
25 for health, educational, social, and public safety services, and for infrastructure  
26 related to such services, due to the residency of FAS migrants in their jurisdictions;  
27 and

1           **WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014, Guam received Sixteen  
2 Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$16,800,000) as its share of the Thirty  
3 Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) appropriation for impacts related to the Compacts,  
4 along with Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000) of the Four  
5 Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$4,990,000) discretionary  
6 appropriation for educational impacts in 2013; and One Million Seven Hundred  
7 Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) of the Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)  
8 discretionary appropriation for educational impacts in 2014; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Government of Guam expended One Hundred Twenty  
10 Eight Million Dollars (\$128,000,000) in Fiscal Year 2013 for health, educational,  
11 social, and public safety services, and for infrastructure related to such services, to  
12 citizens from the FAS who migrated to Guam under the provisions of the  
13 Compacts; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2015, Guam's share of the Thirty Million  
15 Dollars (\$30,000,000) decreased from Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Thousand  
16 Dollars (\$16,800,000) to Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000); and

17           **WHEREAS**, according to a report released by the Governor of Guam in  
18 January 2015 on the impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam, the  
19 Government of Guam's local funding cost for Fiscal Year 2014 for hosting FAS  
20 migrants was One Hundred Forty-Four Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars  
21 (\$144,300,000), which is ten (10) times less than the amount Guam received for  
22 Compact-Impact reimbursements this fiscal year; and

23           **WHEREAS**, since 2004, the amount due to Guam for Compact-Impact  
24 reimbursements has reached Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Million Dollars  
25 (\$856,000,000) and continues to grow; and

26           **WHEREAS**, in February 2015, Governor of Guam Edward J.B. Calvo, in a  
27 meeting with federal officials in Washington, D.C., stated that government of

1 Guam agencies were “at a breaking point” when it comes to providing public  
2 services to regional immigrants; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in letters that were transmitted to Vice President Joseph R.  
4 Biden, Jr. and Speaker John Boehner on February 15, 2015 from Assistant  
5 Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia’aina, concerning the  
6 Department of the Interior’s report to the Congress: 2014 Compact Impact  
7 Analysis, along with the related report: Impact of the Compacts of Free  
8 Association on Guam during Fiscal Years 2004 through 2013 from the Governor  
9 of Guam, the Assistant Secretary acknowledged that, “It has been evident over the  
10 years that the costs of migration in several United States affected jurisdictions are  
11 greater than Federal reimbursements”; and

12 **WHEREAS**, previous Guam legislatures have adopted numerous legislative  
13 resolutions, and Governor Edward J.B. Calvo and former governors of Guam have  
14 appealed to previous members of the United States Congress and to President  
15 Barack Obama and previous U.S. presidents requesting reimbursement for unpaid  
16 Compact-Impact costs, and to increase funding in Guam’s share of the Thirty  
17 Million Dollars (\$30,000,000); and

18 **WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2015, Congressman Mark Takai, (D-HI-1),  
19 along with Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (I-MP-at large),  
20 Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-2) and Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo  
21 (D-GU-at large), introduced H.R. 854, also called the “Compact-Impact Aid Act of  
22 2015”; and

23 **WHEREAS**, H.R. 854 recognizes that insufficient sums have been  
24 appropriated to cover the costs incurred by Guam, the CNMI, and the State of  
25 Hawaii, resulting from increased demands on health, educational, social, and  
26 public safety services by individuals from the Federated States of Micronesia, the  
27 Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

1           **WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of H.R. 854 to address the unfunded mandate  
2 and adverse financial consequences resulting from the Compacts by meeting the  
3 obligations set forth in the Compacts by increasing the authorized and appropriated  
4 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) annually to One Hundred Eighty-Five  
5 Million Dollars (\$185,000,000) annually; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Legislature supports the proposed amendment to the  
7 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985, which would increase the impact costs  
8 to One Hundred Eighty-Five Million Dollars (\$185,000,000) annually to provide  
9 for Compact-Impact aid to affected states and territories, and for other purposes;  
10 and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Legislature contends that while it supports the  
12 increase in appropriation in H.R. 854, the amount is woefully inadequate to address  
13 the unreimbursed costs of the impact from 1986 to the present date, and further  
14 inadequate to appropriately defray the future costs that will be incurred by the  
15 affected jurisdictions; now therefore, be it

16           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
17 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, urgently petition the United States  
18 Congress to increase the annual appropriation for Compact-Impact aid to at least  
19 One Hundred Eighty-Five Million Dollars (\$185,000,000) to help defray the cost  
20 of services as a result of an increased demand for health, educational, social, and  
21 public safety services, and for infrastructure related to such services, due to the  
22 residency of migrants from the Freely Associated States in affected jurisdictions;  
23 and be it further

24           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest  
25 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms.  
26 Esther P. Kia'aina, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas; to the Honorable Mark  
27 Takai, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable

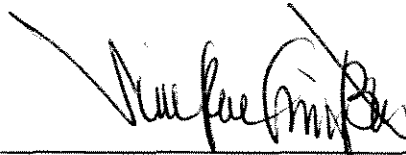
1 Tulsi Gabbard, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; to the  
2 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of  
3 Representatives; to the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Member of  
4 Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Rob Bishop, Chairman,  
5 Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable  
6 Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of  
7 Representatives; to the Honorable Fred Upton, Chairman, Committee on Energy  
8 and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Frank Pallone Jr.,  
9 Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of  
10 Representatives; to the Honorable Don Young, Chairman, Subcommittee on  
11 Indians, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives; to the  
12 Honorable Raul Ruiz, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Indians, Insular and  
13 Alaska Native Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Joe Pitts,  
14 Chairman, Subcommittee on Health, U.S. House of Representatives; to the  
15 Honorable Gene Green, Chairman, Subcommittee on Health, U.S. House of  
16 Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY 2015.**



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



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary



# LEGISLATIVE SESSION VOTING RECORD

## I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN

### 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Resolution No. 52-33 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Speaker Antonio R. Unipingo Legislative Session Hall

May 01, 2015

NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Thomas "Tom" ADA	✓					
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓					
Senator Frank B. AGUON, Jr.	✓					
Senator Frank F. BLAS, Jr.	✓					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓					
Senator James V. ESPALDON	✓					
Senator Brant T. McCREADIE	✓					
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	✓					
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓					
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	✓					
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	✓					
Senator Michael F.Q. SAN NICOLAS	✓					
Senator Mary Camacho TORRES	✓					
Senator Nerissa B. UNDERWOOD, Ph.D.	✓					
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓					

TOTAL

**15**

Aye

Nay

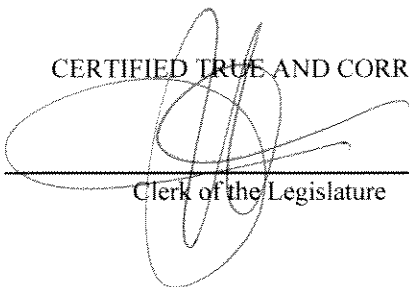
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



Clerk of the Legislature

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