

I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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

Dear Maga'lahi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is **Resolution No. 83-33 (LS), "RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TRANSFER "LOT APRA HARBOR RESERVATION B-7" TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO BE RESERVED IN PERPETUITY FOR THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY AND THE** *MASSO* **RESERVOIR CONSERVATION AREA,"** which was duly and regularly adopted by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 29, 2015.

Sincere

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (1)



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

Resolution No. 83-33 (LS)

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RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TRANSFER "LOT APRA HARBOR RESERVATION B-7" TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO BE RESERVED IN PERPETUITY FOR THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY AND THE *MASSO* RESERVOIR CONSERVATION AREA.

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

3 WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that it would be prudent to plan for 4 the future expansion needs of the only existing Guam Veterans Cemetery by 5 expanding the current footprint of the cemetery onto available contiguous land; and

WHEREAS, I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the average annual number of 1 burials over the past five (5) years is approximately one hundred (100) burials per 2 3 year. Although burial capacity within the existing cemetery footprint was recently 4 increased by constructing a columbarium and additional above-ground crypts, it is projected that capacity will be filled by about the year 2030. Furthermore, as Guam's 5 6 population increases, the number of Guamanians enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces can be reasonably expected to increase; hence, the future rate of demand for burial 7 8 space can also be expected to increase. Therefore, the expansion of the current footprint of the Guam Veterans Cemetery would be provident; and 9

10 WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* desire to ensure adequate burial capacity 11 and to maintain the integrity of a single cemetery for the final resting place of our 12 Veterans warrants that proactive measures be taken to acquire additional acreage from 13 contiguous lots for the expansion of the Guam Veterans Cemetery's footprint; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends, through Guam law, to reserve in perpetuity the crown lands portion of "Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-5" (returned federal excess land) for the future southward expansion of the existing Guam Veterans Cemetery, to meet projected long term requirements; and

WHEREAS, although *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has identified the crown lands portion of the Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-5, estimated to measure approximately two (2) acres, the added land for expansion to the south is minimal. Therefore, adjacent property to the east needs to be acquired to meet anticipated expansion needs; and

WHEREAS, committee planners have recommended that the acquisition of a
portion of the lot identified as "Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-7," approximately five

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(5) acres, for the eastward expansion of the Guam Veterans Cemetery be pursued. (see
Exhibit A- NAVFAC Drawing No. 7943932 Sheet 23); and

WHEREAS, committee planners have also recommended the acquisition of the remaining southern portion of the lot identified as "Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-7," approximately ten (10) acres, not reserved for the eastward expansion of the Guam Veterans Cemetery, for the expansion of the *Masso* Reservoir Conservation Area and Watershed; now therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 9 on behalf of Veterans who have faithfully served their country and the people of 10 Guam, petition Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to ask the United States 11 Congress to transfer the entire lot designated as "Lot Apra Harbor Reservation B-7" to 12 the government of Guam for the purpose of meeting future eastward expansion 13 requirements of the Guam Veterans Cemetery and the expansion of the *Masso* 14 Reservoir Conservation Area and Watershed; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby 16 request that Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo introduce legislation in the 17 United States Congress that would authorize the transfer of "Lot Apra Harbor 18 Reservation B-7" to the government of Guam for the purpose of meeting future 19 eastward expansion requirements of the Guam Veterans Cemetery and the expansion 20 of the *Masso* Reservoir Conservation Area and Watershed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Navy; to the Honorable Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; to Rear Admiral Babette Bolivar, Commander Joint Region Marianas; to
Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo; to Mr. Bill Cundiff, Chairman of the Guam
Veterans Commission; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29TH DAY OF MAY 2015.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary

