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January 11, 2012

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
*I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hesler Place  
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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

2012 JAN 11 PM 11:23

**RE: Sponsor's Report on Resolution 281-31 (COR), as amended**

Dear Speaker Won Pat,

*Håfa adai!* Transmitted herewith for consideration by the body is the report on Resolution 281-31 (COR), as amended – “Relative to expressing the support of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for and recognizing the importance of the service of military reservists serving on Guam by urging President Barack Obama and the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress to reconsider funding cuts to the budget of the Department of Defense in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011, and further encouraging the Department of Defense to reconsider any funding decrease to reserve military forces on Guam resulting from deficit reduction provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011.”

Sincerely,

**MANA SILVA TAIJERON**

Attachments





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## SPONSOR'S REPORT

### **RESOLUTION 281-31 (COR), as amended**

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## Report Digest

### I. OVERVIEW

A public hearing for Resolution 281-31 (COR) was conducted on January 6, 2012 at the Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

#### Public Hearing Requirements:

Notices of the hearing were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media outlets on December 28, 2011 (five-day notice) and January 3, 2012 (forty-eight hour notice) in accordance with the Guam Open Government Law. Notices of the hearing were also posted on the websites of Senator Mana Silva Taijeron ([www.senatormana.com](http://www.senatormana.com)) and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* ([www.guamlegislature.org](http://www.guamlegislature.org)).

#### Senators Present:

Senator Mana Silva Taijeron

Senator V. Anthony Ada

### II. SUMMARY

Senator Mana Silva Taijeron convened the hearing at 2:03 p.m. She stated that the Offices of *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan* and the Adjutant General were invited to provide testimony. Senator Silva Taijeron noted that, although he was invited, federal restrictions prohibited the Adjutant General or anyone under his command from promoting or lobbying for local initiatives including providing testimony on resolutions or bills.

Senator Silva Taijeron offered a brief synopsis of Resolution 281-31 (COR). She stated that the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress passed the Budget Control Act of 2011 and how the law mandated across the board spending cuts in the federal government, including approximately \$600 million at the Department of Defense. She explained that cuts to the Department of Defense budget would not only affect active duty military personnel but also personnel of the Guard and Reserve components.

Senator Silva Taijeron further stated that Resolution 281-31 expresses the support of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the military reserve forces serving on Guam and urges President Obama and the United States Congress to reconsider budget cuts to the Department of Defense and, if cuts do occur at the department, further encourages the Department of Defense to reconsider any reduction in funding to Guam's reserve military forces.

Senator Silva Taijeron opened the floor for testimony and, without any individuals present to testify or any Senators providing commentary, she convened the hearing at 2:05 p.m.

After the hearing for Resolution 281-31 (COR) had already been conducted, a typographical error was discovered thus an amended version has been submitted.

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Mana Silva Taijeron does hereby report out Resolution 281-31 (COR), as amended, with the recommendation **TO ADOPT**.



***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

2011 DEC - 6 PM 1:46

Resolution No. 281-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (“Budget Control Act”) was  
4 passed by the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress on August 2, 2011, which resulted in the  
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6 sovereign default;

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8 States by four hundred billion dollars (\$400,000,000,000.00) thus requiring the federal  
9 to make nine hundred seventeen billion dollars (\$917,000,000,000.00) in spending  
10 cuts over a ten-year period as a first installment to reduce the federal deficit, in  
11 keeping with estimates from the Congressional Budget Office; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 also created the Joint Select  
13 Committee on Deficit Reduction, also known as the Super Committee, which was

1 given a deadline of November 23, 2011, to identify and provide a recommendation for  
2 approximately one and one-half trillion dollars (\$1,500,000,000,000.00) in deficit  
3 reduction measures to be implemented over a ten-year period, as the second  
4 installment in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act; and

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6 of Defense budget was one of the deficit reduction measures identified by the Super  
7 Committee; and

8       **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2011, the Super Committee issued the  
9 following statement which indicated their inability to reach a consensus: “After  
10 months of hard work and intense deliberations, we have come to the conclusion today  
11 that it will not be possible to make any bipartisan agreement available to the public  
12 before the committee’s deadline.”; and

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14 that the Department of Defense is mandated to implement approximately six hundred  
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18 Guard and Reserve components; and

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22 governments during national disasters and other emergencies; and

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24 United States Armed Forces; and

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2 freedoms enjoyed by our island and country, and are important in assisting with local,  
3 national and international crisis, conflict or emergency; and

4           **WHEREAS**, more than two thousand of Guam’s military reservists will be  
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5 Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force; Lieutenant  
6 General Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army  
7 Reserve Command; Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr., Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard;  
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12 the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;  
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14 Barack Obama, President of the United States of America; and to the Honorable Eddie  
15 B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.**

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

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Resolution No.** \_\_\_\_\_

\*As amended by the author

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary



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SENATOR MANA SILVA TAIJERON

January 6, 2012

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December 15, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Pat Santos  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

**Attorney Therese M. Terlaje**  
*Legislative Legal Counsel*

**From:** Senator Rory J. Respicio 

**Subject:** Referral of Res No. 281-31 (COR)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Res No. 281-31 (COR). Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to the respective sponsor, as shown on the attachment.

I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse!*

(1) Attachments

*I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
Resolutions Log Sheet

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Introduced</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>	<b>Date Vote Sheet Issued</b>	<b>Date Referred</b>	<b>Committee/Office Referred</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>
<b>281-31</b>	M.Silva Taijeron	Relative to expressing the support of I Liheslaturan Guåhan for and recognizing the importance of the service of military reservists serving on Guam by urging President Barack Obama and the 112th United States Congress to reconsider funding cuts to the budget of the Department of Defense in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011, and further encouraging the Department of Defense to reconsider any funding decrease to reserve military forces on Guam resulting from deficit reduction provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011	12/06/11 1: 46 p.m.			12/15/2011	Sponsor	



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## Public Hearing - Jan. 6, 2012

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*Håfa adai all,*

Please be advised that the Office of Senator Mana Silva Tajeron will be conducting a public hearing for the following resolution on Friday, January 6, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room.

### **Resolution No. 281-31 (COR):**

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Regards,

### **Jermaine Alerta**

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## First notice of public hearing - Jan. 6, 2012

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## FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Second notice of public hearing - Jan. 6, 2012

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## SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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## **Silva Taijeron Urges Federal Government to Reconsider Cutting Defense Funding**

*Resolution expresses support for Guam's reserve military forces*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 6, 2011

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In a release, Senator Silva-Taijeron is quoted as saying "Other areas must be explored before we consider any measures that may negatively affect the men and women who bravely defend our country and the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis."

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## PUBLIC HEARING

**Friday**  
**January 6, 2012**  
**2:00 p.m.**

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Opening Remarks/Announcements**
- III. Item for Public Consideration**
  - Resolution No. 281-31 (COR) – Relative to expressing the support of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for and recognizing the importance of the service of military reservists serving on Guam by urging President Barack Obama and the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress to reconsider funding cuts to the budget of the Department of Defense in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011, and further encouraging the Department of Defense to reconsider any funding decrease to reserve military forces on Guam resulting from deficit reduction provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011.
- IV. Closing Remarks**
- V. Adjournment**

