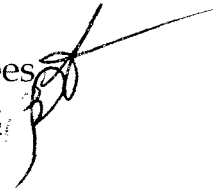


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 138(EC)

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes
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Relative to supporting the passage of H.R. 4259, otherwise known as the "Veterans' Right to Know Act" and to asking for the inclusion of Guam veterans, veterans who served in Guam, and the people of Guam in any studies forthcoming pursuant to this Act, as appropriate..

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN:

1 WHEREAS, H.R. 4259, the "Veterans' Right to Know Act", has been
2 introduced into the 109th Congress; and

3 WHEREAS, H.R. 4259 will establish a commission known as the
4 "Veterans' Right to Know Commission"; and

5 WHEREAS, in general, the duties of the commission shall be - -

6 (1) to investigate chemical or biological warfare tests or projects,
7 especially such projects carried out between 1954 and 1973, placing particular
8 emphasis on actions or conditions associated with such projects that could
9 have been contributed to health risks or been harmful to any United States
10 civilian personnel or member of the United States Armed Forces who

1 participated in such a project or was otherwise potentially exposed to any
2 biological or chemical agent, stimulant, tracer, decontaminant, or herbicide as
3 result of such projects.

4 (2) to submit a report to Congress of its findings and recommendations.

5 **WHEREAS**, in carrying out this Act, the Commission shall specifically
6 examine the following:

7 (1) classified and unclassified data , test operations plans, safety plans,
8 test reports, test results, and any other materials related to a chemical or
9 biological warfare test or project.

10 (2) the types and dosages of any biological or chemical agent, including
11 any stimulant, tracer, decontaminant, pharmaceutical, or herbicide, used
12 during each chemical or biological warfare test or project.

13 (3) information related to the personal protection of participants in each
14 chemical or biological warfare test or project, including respiratory
15 equipment, clothing, citadel systems, vaccinations, and safety and medical
16 protocols.

17 (4) the lists provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs by the
18 Department of Defense of names of individuals who participated in each
19 chemical or biological warfare test or project, the method by which such
20 names were provided, and any other information relating to the number of
21 individuals who participated in such a project or who were otherwise
22 potentially exposed to any biological or chemical agent, stimulant, tracer,
23 decontaminant, pharmaceutical, or herbicide as a result of such project.

1 (5) the date and location of any land, air, or sea test conducted as part of
2 any chemical or biological warfare test or project and the dispersal area likely
3 to have been affected by the release of a chemical or biological agent,
4 stimulant, tracer, decontaminant, pharmaceutical, or herbicide during the
5 tests.

6 (6) any available data collected during health screenings or cause of
7 death determinations performed on any individual who participated in a
8 chemical or biological warfare test or project to determine any possible health
9 consequences of such participation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Guam has been for many years a major United States
11 military base area, especially during the period of the Cold War; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there have been unconfirmed reports of at least Agent
13 Orange storage and possible spraying in Guam that need to be verified and
14 documented; and

15 **WHEREAS**, all veterans and the public have a right to be informed
16 about the issues that will be the purview and oversight of this commission,
17 either for the purpose of transparency where issues may exist, or relief where
18 issues do not; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan does
20 support the passage of H.R. 4259 in the United States Congress, otherwise
21 known as the "Veterans' Right to Know Act", and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, any information within the purview of the Commission
23 established by the Act that is of importance to veterans from Guam who
24 served in other areas, veterans who served in Guam, and the people of Guam

1 shall be released where de-classified and de-classified where currently
2 classified so that release of information may occur, and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
4 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
5 to Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo; to Congressmen Mike Thompson and
6 Denny Rehberg of the United States House of Representatives; to the Speaker
7 of the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P.
8 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.