

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 127 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

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**RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR
RESPECTFULLY REQUEST CIVILIAN
INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE COSTS BE INCLUDED
IN ANY COST ESTIMATE TO TRANSFER MARINES
FROM OKINAWA TO GUAM AND TO INCLUDE WAR
REPARATIONS AS COST ELEMENTS IN UNITED
STATES – JAPAN DISCUSSIONS FOR TRANSFERRING
SAID MARINES, OR OTHERWISE TAKEN INTO
CONSIDERATION AND ACTED UPON BY EITHER
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, OR BOTH.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA**
2 **LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam was acquired by the United States in
4 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War, and ownership was
5 transferred by a treaty that fundamentally defines national ownership of and
6 terms of civilian life on Guam to the present day; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a treaty between the United States and Japan foreclosed
8 claims by Guam inhabitants who suffered as U.S. nationals during World
9 War II, and the United States government assumed responsibility for war
10 reparations claims but resisted payment of objectively calculated value,
11 citing the difficulty of obtaining adequate appropriated funding from
12 Congress; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Guam's value as a strategic base for the projection of
14 United States military power in the Western Pacific and the stabilizing
15 influence of this role in the region and the defense of the nation is
16 unquestioned; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam and its residents have historically played their
18 part to defend the nation and to protect, promote and project its democratic
19 ideals; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the nation should fully appreciate the patriotic role
21 played by Guam in promoting and preserving the national interest; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Guam has too frequently been unfairly overlooked when
23 Guam has stepped forward to do its part as an American Community, as in
24 the case of unfair war reparations, the condemnation of land, and the failure
25 and refusal to fully reimburse Guam for the impact of immigration to Guam

1 from those states with which the United States negotiated Compacts of Free
2 Association; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam again stands ready to do its part to promote
4 American and regional interest and to accommodate a significantly higher
5 military presence; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Guam stands ready to so participate provided it is not
7 once more required as a community of one hundred sixty thousand
8 (160,000) Americans to shoulder a disproportionate burden of doing so for a
9 nation of over two hundred fifty million (250,000,000) Americans; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Guam's current infrastructure is straining beyond its
11 limits to accommodate the current residents and will require significant
12 investment and upgrades to accommodate a sudden large increase in military
13 personnel and their families and the needed supporting employees; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the United States government is currently conducting
15 negotiations with the Government of Japan to relocate eight thousand
16 (8,000) Marines and their families from Okinawa, Japan to Guam, the cost
17 of which would be borne in significant part by Japan; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam have had a long beneficial
19 relationship with the United States Marine Corps and welcome the return of
20 the Marines to the island; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Admiral William J. Fallon, Commander, U.S. Pacific
22 Command, cited in a recent interview the specific need for placing power
23 lines underground, improving Guam's roads, and that in general Guam's
24 power and water systems were in a state of "disrepair", all of which are valid
25 observations; and

26 **WHEREAS**, it is unclear whether current negotiations between the
27 United States and Japan include a comprehensive and detailed consideration

1 of the expected impact on Guam's civil infrastructure by the proposed
2 relocation of the Okinawa Marines to Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* wishes to make clear the
4 necessity of fully considering sufficient investment by the United States, or
5 Japan, in Guam's infrastructure as part of the negotiations and plans to
6 move the Okinawa Marines to Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* wishes to provide the United
8 States with its best current estimates of the amounts required for said
9 infrastructure so that the island's residents are able to maintain a quality of
10 life at least equivalent to that enjoyed now; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** that Guam stands ready to do its part in the defense of
12 the nation and its democratic ideals and to do its part to promote regional
13 stability and harmony and therefore welcomes the transfer of the Marines
14 from Okinawa to Guam, but also wishes the impact on Guam's
15 infrastructure by said transfer be fully addressed and funded; and be it
16 further

17 **RESOLVED,** that Guam's Delegate to Congress inform the United
18 States security planners and negotiators that it is necessary to incorporate
19 civilian community development needs in Guam in order to absorb the
20 impact of increased military activities resulting from the transfer of the
21 Okinawa Marines to Guam; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
23 requests the Governor to provide, without delay, time being of the essence,
24 to the United States Negotiating Team and pertinent officials in the United
25 States government a priority list of civil infrastructure upgrades needed to
26 accommodate the expected increase in population due to the transfer of the
27 Okinawa Marines to Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, based on its accumulated
2 knowledge of Guam’s current and projected infrastructure needs, pending
3 the release of the Governor’s 20-Year Master Plan, hereby states that Guam
4 will, at a minimum, need the following infrastructure upgrades to
5 accommodate this sudden large military influx from the Okinawa Marines
6 transfer to wit:

- 7 1. Construction of additional electrical power base load
8 generators and their concrete housing of sufficient strength
9 to withstand typhoon force winds to increase base load
10 generating capacity by 40%: \$200,000,000;
- 11 2. Place power lines underground to decrease road hazards
12 from concrete utility poles on sides of roadways which
13 hazard shall dramatically increase with the significant
14 additional traffic generated by the large influx of new
15 residents and their dependent families and supporting
16 employees: \$400,000,000;
- 17 3. Build a North/South Highway to relieve the current
18 excessive congestion on Guam’s only main North/South
19 route, Marine Corps Drive, which is already over crowded
20 and dangerous, and to allow for military movement of
21 munitions and other material to occur efficiently and safely
22 on a more direct route away from our central civilian
23 business and residential areas: \$400,000,000;
- 24 4. Upgrades to our civilian port facilities to build a new berth
25 for dredging and for other improvements needed to handle
26 additional port traffic generated by the new residents and to
27 purchase a new gantry crane: \$100,000,000;

- 1 5. Upgrades to water and sewage system to accommodate new
2 housing facilities for military personnel and families and for
3 businesses which will have to upgrade to meet new demands
4 for employees and services: \$200,000,000;
- 5 6. Build a new hospital to accommodate demand from veterans
6 and compact impact residents who will not be able to use
7 current military hospitals due to overcrowding of those
8 facilities caused by transfer of Okinawan Marines moving to
9 Guam: \$300,000,000;
- 10 7. Build new educational facilities to accommodate new
11 civilian workforce needed to support new military arrivals:
12 \$200,000,000;
- 13 8. Improve roads in all villages and secondary roads
14 throughout the island to accommodate significant additional
15 traffic caused by transfer of Okinawan Marines to Guam, to
16 maintain current safety levels and to construct sidewalks and
17 bike lanes where needed for safety enhancement:
18 \$400,000,000;
- 19 9. Fully fund war claims reparations for the injuries and
20 suffering of all those who were injured or suffered or their
21 descendents: \$200,000,000;

22 and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
24 requests Guam's Delegate to Congress to convey to national leaders in the
25 most unambiguous manner possible, the strategic importance of national
26 investment in Guam as an American community, aside from its development
27 as a military outpost; and be it further

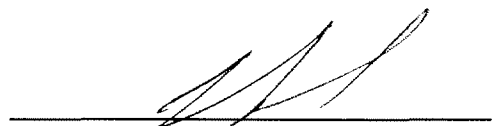
1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
2 requests Guam's Delegate to Congress to propose full funding of Guam war
3 reparations to be incorporated within or without the overall funding and
4 financing of military base expansion on Guam as an appropriate opportunity
5 to address and bring closure to this historic injustice; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
7 requests that our Governor and Guam's Delegate to Congress ask the
8 President of the United States and the State Department to permit Guam to
9 receive direct aid and assistance from the government of Japan to offset any
10 of the infrastructure or other needs detailed herein; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
12 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
13 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's
14 Delegate to Congress; to Mr. David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary
15 for Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; to Ms. Condoleezza
16 Rice, Secretary of State; to Mr. Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense,
17 U.S. Negotiating Team; and to the Governor of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2006.


MARK FORBES
Speaker


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature