MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 201 (LS)

As substituted and further substituted on the Floor by the Author and amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to requesting that Guam's Congressional Delegate introduce legislation to ensure that the total impact of the U.S. Marine relocation to Guam is fully and properly addressed and funded, taking into consideration and balancing the needs of Guam's civilian population and national security.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN

2 **GUÅHAN**:

- 3 WHEREAS, the planned military relocation of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to
- 4 Guam will have a great impact on the economic, cultural, social, physical
- 5 infrastructure and environment of Guam, and it is anticipated that, of the \$10.3 billion
- 6 committed for the move, most of the funds will be spent on base housing,
- 7 improvements and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam have had a long, beneficial relationship with the United States Marine Corps and desire that the return of the Marines be beneficial to the people and the island; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the relocation does *not* have a negative impact on the civilian population of Guam, it is important that said impact is planned for, provided for and fully funded; and

WHEREAS, to help minimize the impact of the U.S. military base in Okinawa, the national government of Japan has funded for a number of years various projects, including a light monorail system, redevelopment of former U.S. military bases into a business district, a community college for workforce development training, an amusement and tourist center, solid waste landfills and recycling facilities, a war memorial museum, and a large aquarium and botanical gardens, thus providing for the education, training and economic development of Okinawa, a model that could be followed in the upcoming relocation; and

WHEREAS, the relocation will involve not only the military personnel but their families, civilian support personnel and civilian contractors, resulting in a great increase in population and in the resulting demands on Guam's infrastructure for water, power, roads and transportation, civilian port, health care, education, solid waste management and more; and

WHEREAS, the burden of meeting these increased demands should *not* be placed solely on Guam's government and should be shouldered by a joint effort between the military, the local government and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the water systems on Guam for military and civilian populations both suffer the same challenges, such as source water production, treatment, transmission and distribution problems, which are major obstacles to adequate water service; and it would be most beneficial to both the civilian and

military populations if Fena Lake, Guam's largest surface water resource, and its associated water production and treatment facilities, as well as the extensive Navy waterworks utilities, are integrated into an island-wide waterworks system; and the support and technical expertise of the military are utilized to enhance other watersheds in southern Guam to provide additional production and treatment capacity; and

military and civilian areas; and

WHEREAS, with the increase in military assets, resources and support functions, both within and outside military gates, the need for reliable power becomes critical; and relocation plans should provide for a strong, island-wide power generation and distribution network, improved substation and related facilities, and attendant control systems, to increase the reliability and quality of power to critical

WHEREAS, it is crucial that new hospital facilities and equipment be provided to meet the basic health care needs of the increased population of civilian and military support personnel; and

WHEREAS, Guam's military and civilian population face short and long-term problems with solid waste management, and Navy and Air Force landfills are rapidly nearing capacity, a crisis that calls for a partnership of all parties to protect our island's environment, and to provide for recycling, re-use and waste reduction facilities; and

WHEREAS, the federal government should assist Guam's effort to improve its civilian port and to provide additional wharf space and upgrade its gantry cranes for a fully modernized port operation to accommodate increased port traffic; and

WHEREAS, a growing population requires corresponding growth in all relevant sectors of public service, including public safety facilities; and the relocation

should provide for an upgrade of police and fire communications systems, vehicles, stations and correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the increase in population will affect Guam's transportation network; alternative routes should be established and maintained, and an alternative rapid transit system linking Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Base Guam should be created to provide transportation for base and civilian employees and to minimize traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the separation of Guam Public Schools and Department of Defense Education Agency Schools has created a social divide between the host community and military community on Guam and has been compounded by the migration of much-needed teachers from the local system into the DODEA system; and defense officials should work with Guam to develop an integrated educational system with a pool of financial and professional resources supported by the local and national government; and

WHEREAS, although military personnel and families stationed on Guam require access to higher education, they are restricted from one of their most feasible options, as the University of Guam is prohibited from offering classes on base, making it the only U.S.-accredited university unable to offer educational services within its service area; and it will benefit military personnel and their dependents, and the University of Guam, to remove this prohibition; and

WHEREAS, the federal government should increase federal funding for territorial highway projects proportionally to the demands placed on those highways by the increase in military activities, as well as the increase in island population; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the military community does *not* become isolated from the local community, and that everyone on Guam benefits from developments caused by the relocation, recreation, entertainment, shopping and other

such facilities should *not* be built solely on base, but should be placed outside military

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- 2 bases; now, therefore, be it
- 3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
- 4 respectfully request that Guam's Congressional Delegate introduce legislation to do
- 5 the following and that the same be fully funded:
- Actively recruit local civilian applicants for employment positions in military
- support areas on Guam related to the relocation;
- Integration of and upgrades to existing water systems;
- Upgrades of power system infrastructure;
- Provide new health care facilities and equipment;
- Provide new educational facilities;
- Develop an integrated school system with a long-term educational program;
- Allow the University of Guam to offer educational services within military
- bases on Guam;
- Establish a veteran's hospital;
- Establish solid waste management and recycling programs to meet increased
- demand;
- Support improvements to Guam's civilian port;
- Support upgrades to public safety facilities, communications systems, and
- vehicles;
- Establish an alternative rapid transit system linking Andersen Air Force Base
- and Naval Base Guam, or establish other alternate transportation to alleviate
- 23 increased traffic;

- Increase federal funding for territorial highway projects;
 - Ensure that recreation, entertainment, shopping and other construction projects associated with the relocation are *not* built solely on base, but also outside of the gates of the military bases; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to

7 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate, United States Congress; and to the Honorable

8 Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.

MARK FORBES

Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature

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AGUON, Frank B., Jr.					
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CALVO, Edward J.B.					
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CRUZ, Michael (Dr.)					
FORBES, Mark					
KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.	,				
KLITZKIE, Robert					
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PALACIOS, Adolpho B.)		
RESPICIO, Rory J.					
TENORIO, Ray					
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Clerk of the Legislature