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**MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
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**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF *I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE "POST-9/11 VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT" (S. 22) INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE; RELATIVE TO EXPANDING THE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the "Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act" (S. 22) is a  
4 bill in the United States Senate authored by Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) introduced  
5 that will expand the educational benefits for the men and women who serve in  
6 the United States military;

7 **WHEREAS,** S. 22 makes new benefits available to all members of the  
8 military who have served on active duty since September 11, 2001, including  
9 activated reservists and members of the National Guard;

1           **WHEREAS**, S. 22 seeks to reward such individuals with an educational  
2 package that addresses the current cost of tuition;

3           **WHEREAS**, Guam is home to many who serve in the Armed Forces who  
4 will benefit from the passage of this legislation;

5           **WHEREAS**, S. 22 provides benefits for tuition, housing, and books for up  
6 to thirty-six (36) months of education for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans;

7           **WHEREAS**, S. 22 links the amount of time served on active duty;

8           **WHEREAS**, S. 22 increases the amount of time after leaving active duty to  
9 collect educational assistance to fifteen (15) years compared to ten (10);

10          **WHEREAS**, S. 22 allows additional payments for tutorial assistance as well  
11 as licensure and certification tests;

12          **WHEREAS**, S. 22 creates a new program in which the government will  
13 agree to match, dollar for dollar, any voluntary additional contributions to  
14 veterans from institutions whose tuition is more expensive than the maximum  
15 assistance provided;

16          **WHEREAS**, S. 22 is receiving strong bi-partisan support and is endorsed  
17 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization; and now therefore be it

18          **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Twenty-  
19 Ninth Guam Legislature, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby express  
20 its support of "Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act" (S. 22); and be it  
21 further

22          **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to  
23 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable

1 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress; to the Honorable Robert C. Byrd,  
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; to the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority  
3 Leader of the Senate; to the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the  
4 Senate; to the Honorable Daniel Akaka, Chairman of the Senate Committee on  
5 Veterans' Affairs; to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House; to the  
6 Honorable John Boehner, House Republican Leader; to the Honorable Robert  
7 Filner, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Honorable  
8 Ike Skelton, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; to Secretary of  
9 Veterans Affairs James Peake, M.D.; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,  
10 Governor of Guam.

11 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA***  
12 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_TH DAY OF MAY 2008.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Senator and Legislative Secretary