

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 62 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

v. c. pangelinan
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Relative to supporting H. Res. 121 introduced in the 110th Congress expressing the sense that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Forces' coercion of young women, known to the world as "comfort women," into sexual slavery during Japan's colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; and to request that Guam be included among the Pacific Islands affected.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam is an unincorporated Territory of the
4 United States of America; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam has a long history of colonial rule, being controlled
6 by Spain until it was ceded to the United States in 1898; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Guam was invaded and occupied on December 8, 1941 by
8 Japanese forces; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam is the only United States territory, possession or state
10 that was occupied by Japanese Armed Forces during World War II; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam were subjected to death, personal
12 injury, rape, forced labor, forced marches, and internment during the Japanese
13 occupation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Government of Japan officially authorized the Imperial
15 Armed Forces to acquire young women, who are now known to the world as
16 "*ianfu*" or "comfort women," for the purpose of sexual servitude during
17 Japan's occupation and control of foreign lands prior to and during World
18 War II; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the "comfort women" system of forced military
20 prostitution by the Government of Japan, considered unprecedented in its
21 cruelty and magnitude, included gang rape, forced abortions, humiliation,
22 and sexual violence resulting in mutilation, death, or eventual suicide in one
23 of the largest cases of human trafficking in the Twentieth (20th) Century; and

24 **WHEREAS**, H. Res. 121 refers to Japanese schools using new textbooks

1 that downplay the atrocities such as the tragedy of the “comfort women” and
2 Japanese officials recently expressing a desire to dilute or rescind Chief
3 Cabinet Secretary Yohei Kono’s 1993 statement on the “comfort women”,
4 which expressed the Government’s sincere apologies and remorse; and

5 **WHEREAS**, despite numerous attempts by the people of Guam to seek
6 reparation and recognition for the suffering they experienced during Japan’s
7 occupation, no resolution has been achieved; and

8 **WHEREAS**, H. Res. 121 seeks to have the Government of Japan make a
9 formal acknowledgment, apology and acceptance of historical responsibility
10 relative to its Imperial Armed Force’s maltreatment and coercion of women
11 into sexual slavery during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the
12 Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; now,
13 therefore, be it

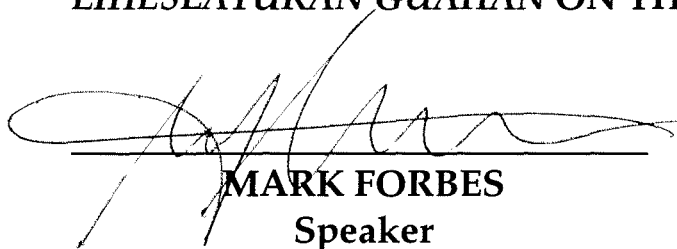
14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
15 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition the United States House of
16 Representatives to adopt H. Res. 121; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
18 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, request that the United States
19 Congress, in H. Res. 121, state that Guam was affected by the Japanese Armed
20 Forces’ vicious coercion of young women into sexual slavery and for their
21 cruelty to the people of Guam during the occupation; and be it further

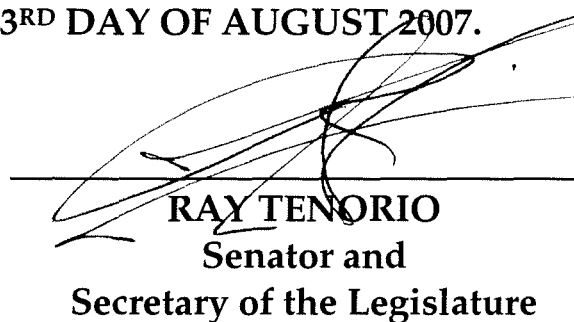
22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
23 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
24 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United

1 States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Mike Honda, Member, U.S.
2 House of Representatives; to Mr. David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of
3 the United States Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs; to the
4 Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; to the
5 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Congressional Delegate, U.S.
6 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
7 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature