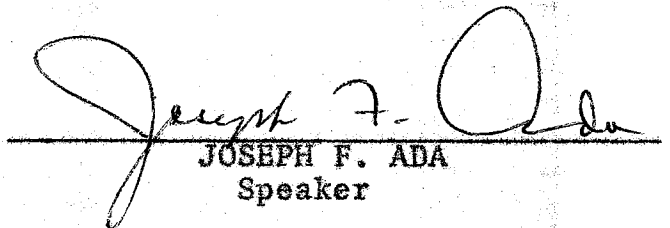


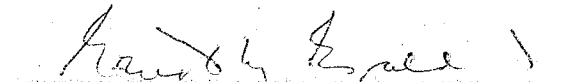
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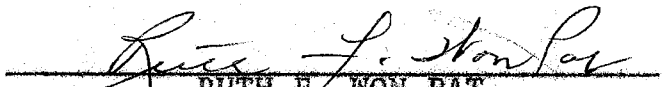
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 446, "An Act to add a new Chapter IV to Title I of the Government Code of Guam to establish a Guam Hall of Fame to be known as 'Guma Onra'", was on the 15th day of June, 1978, duly and regularly passed.

  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Speaker

ATTESTED:

  
ERNESTO M. ESPALDON  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1978, at 4:45 o'clock P.M.

  
RUTH F. WON PAT  
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APPROVED:

/s/ RICARDO J. BORDALLO  
RICARDO J. BORDALLO  
Governor of Guam

DATED: June 27, 1978  
3:07 P.M.

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Bill No. 446  
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Operations, Military  
and Veterans Affairs)

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER IV TO TITLE I  
OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM TO ESTABLISH  
A GUAM HALL OF FAME TO BE KNOWN AS "GUMA  
ONRA".

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. A new Chapter IV is hereby added to Title I of  
3 the Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER IV

5 Guma Onra

6 Section 300. Legislative Finding. In the emergence of  
7 the territory of Guam as a viable community, there were  
8 exemplary achievements, acts and deeds by men and women,  
9 young and old, indigenous and non-indigenous, which con-  
10 tributed to making what Guam is today. These achievements,  
11 acts and deeds, in many cases, are now part of the territory's  
12 history, tradition or heritage worthy of public recognition  
13 and deserve to be memorialized in a fitting manner for the  
14 present and future generations. Therefore, a means should  
15 be devised through which appropriate honor and recognition  
16 can be officially conferred and preserved for posterity.

1           It is the wishes of the people of Guam that there shall  
2 be established a hall of fame to be known as 'Guma Onra' which  
3 shall serve as an official repository for public recognition,  
4 honor and awards accorded such persons whose exemplary,  
5 distinguished or meritorious acts, deeds or achievements  
6 have, in some way, contributed, enriched or enhanced the  
7 history, culture, heritage or the social, political or  
8 economic development of Guam.

9           It is the intent of the Legislature that the criteria  
10 for induction into the 'Guma Onra' be of the highest  
11 standards. A person may be inducted into the 'Guma Onra'  
12 only after he or she has met certain criteria.

13           Section 301. Guma Onra Commission. There is hereby  
14 established a Guma Onra Commission which shall consist of  
15 eleven (11) members, all citizens of the United States and  
16 residents of the territory of Guam. Each member to be  
17 eligible for appointment shall also (1) have resided on  
18 Guam for at least five (5) years; (2) have demonstrated  
19 knowledge of the culture and history of Guam, past and  
20 present; and (3) must be of good character. The Commission  
21 members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice  
22 and consent of the Legislature, each member to serve for a  
23 term of three (3) years. The Chairman shall be elected  
24 by a majority vote of the members of the Commission. A  
25 Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be elected in like manner.

26           Section 302. Same: Meetings. The meetings of the  
27 Commission shall be open and held at least once a month.  
28 Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or upon  
29 the affirmative vote of six (6) members.

1           Section 303. Same: Acts. The affirmative vote of  
2 six (6) members of the Board shall be necessary for the  
3 validity of any of its acts.

4           Section 304. Same: Compensation. The members of the  
5 Commission shall be compensated Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)  
6 for each meeting they attend not to exceed two (2) meetings  
7 a month. The members shall be reimbursed for reasonable  
8 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
9 duties as certified by the Chairman.

10          Section 305. Same: Rules and Regulations. The  
11 Commission shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations  
12 consistent with the laws of the United States and this  
13 territory for its own government for the purpose of carrying  
14 out other duties, powers and responsibilities herein  
15 conferred and for the promulgation of criteria consistent  
16 with the guidelines.

17          Section 306. Eligible nomination: Categories. The  
18 Commission shall accept nominations of persons for induction  
19 into the 'Guma Onra' who have excelled or made extraordinary  
20 and meritorious contributions to Guam in their fields of  
21 endeavor from any of the following categories:

- 22           (a) medicine and health;
- 23           (b) youth (persons under twenty-five (25) years  
24           of age);
- 25           (c) senior citizens (persons fifty-five (55)  
26           years of age and over);
- 27           (d) business, commerce, tourism and economic  
28           development;
- 29           (e) arts and sciences;
- 30           (f) athletics and sports;

- 1 (g) law and government;  
2 (h) education and training;  
3 (i) community, civic and religious affairs;  
4 (j) military;  
5 (k) Chamorro language and cultural affairs;  
6 (l) farmers and fishermen; and  
7 (m) other worthy causes and/or persons as  
8 determined by the Commission.

9 Section 308. Nominations. Nominations for any of the  
10 categories of endeavor stated in Section 306 shall be  
11 governed by the following rules:

12 (a) Every person nominated shall have made  
13 extraordinary and meritorious contributions or  
14 achievements towards the development of the territory.

15 (b) Every person nominated shall have made  
16 contributions or achievement which clearly singles  
17 him out over all others in the same field or category.

18 (c) The extraordinary and meritorious contribu-  
19 tions or achievement made by the person nominated  
20 shall be judged on the basis of their importance,  
21 effectiveness and impact on the well-being of the  
22 territory.

23 (d) The nomination shall be made by petition by  
24 no less than two hundred and fifty (250) persons who  
25 are registered voters of Guam; such nomination may be  
26 initiated by an organized civic and fraternal group  
27 on Guam or by a group of residents who ban together  
28 for such purpose.

1 (e) The nomination shall be accompanied by a  
2 typewritten resume including a biography and a  
3 detailed description of the accomplishment(s) for  
4 which the person is being nominated.

5 Section 309. Screening and Induction.

6 (a) Screening. The Commission shall screen the  
7 nominating petition and its accompanying data and  
8 select not more than three (3) finalists from each  
9 category for consideration. It shall require the  
10 three (3) finalists from each of the selected  
11 categories to appear, as necessary, before the  
12 Commission to answer questions relative to selection.  
13 The Commission shall not ask questions that would be  
14 violative of the potential inductee's right to privacy  
15 but the Commission may make pertinent inquiries relative  
16 to the award for which such person is being considered  
17 for induction.

18 (b) The Commission shall induct winners into  
19 the 'Guma Onra' in a ceremony on the last Monday in  
20 April of each year or at such time and place as it  
21 deems appropriate.

22 (c) Induction. The affirmative vote of nine (9)  
23 members of the Commission shall be necessary for the  
24 induction of any nominee into the 'Guma Onra'.

25 Section 310. Staffing: Subject to budget limitations.  
26 The Commission is authorized to employ such staff as necessary  
27 to carry out the purpose of this Act. Said employees shall  
28 be hired as classified employees consistent with the rules

1 and regulations adopted by the Commission, provided, how-  
2 ever, that the Director shall be appointed by the Commission  
3 subject to the approval of the Governor and the confirmation  
4 of the Legislature, provided, further that said Director may  
5 be removed by the affirmative vote of six (6) members of  
6 the Commission.

7 Section 311. Select Committee. The Commission may  
8 empower a Select Committee on Nominations which may  
9 nominate eligible persons to supplement nominations by  
10 petition under Section 308 of this Act for induction into the  
11 'Guma Onra'.

12 Section 312. Special Provisions. In addition to  
13 Section 306 of this Act, the Commission may recognize those  
14 persons whose achievements, acts and deeds have contributed  
15 to the development of the territory as a whole and shall  
16 befittingly bestow public honor in the 'Guma Onra' for  
17 posterity. Such persons may include:

- 18 (a) former Governors and Lieutenant Governors of  
19 the territory;  
20 (b) former members of the Guam Congress and the  
21 Guam Legislature;  
22 (c) members of the territory's law enforcement  
23 agency killed in the line of duty;  
24 (d) sons and daughters of Guam who died as a  
25 direct result of an armed conflict or war;  
26 (e) former Washington representatives;  
27 (f) former judges of the territory's judicial  
28 system; and  
29 (g) former Municipal Commissioners and Assistant  
30 Commissioners.





1 (b) Persons aged 15 through 19 as of June 1, 1978  
2 shall be eligible for employment, provided, however,  
3 that they are currently enrolled in school or have  
4 just completed one full academic year prior to the  
5 period of employment.

6 (c) The government of Guam shall reimburse  
7 participating employers the sum of One Dollar and  
8 Twenty-Five Cents (\$1.25) per hour per employee,  
9 provided, however, that reimbursement shall cover  
10 work performed in the period June 5 through  
11 August 30, 1978.

12 (d) The Department of Labor shall administer the  
13 Summer Youth Employment Program using funds appropriated  
14 for the 1977-78 and 1978-79 fiscal years and existing  
15 staff."