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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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~~Legislative Secretary~~

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Hesler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Date	<u>5-8-98</u>

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 572 (LS), "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE "HAGÁTNA BOAT BASIN" TO THE "GREGORIO DUENAS PEREZ MARINA.", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-195.

One of the outstanding modern tales of our island is the tale of the famous "Blue Marlin". Of course, this "fish tale" is due to the spectacular catch of a gigantic blue marlin fish by the late Gregorio Duenas Perez on August 21, 1969. The blue marlin tipped the scales at the Agana Boat Basin and was finally scaled at 1153 pounds.

Greg Perez was famous for his "Blue Marlin", which spent many years displayed for all to see at the Guam airport, however, he was known for more than catching a large fish. He was an enthusiastic sport fisherman who was instrumental in starting this activity and building facilities at the Agana Boat Basin. In the early days of sport fishing, there were few amenities at the boat basin. Mr. Perez contributed to the early development there, and was a charter member of the Guam Fisherman Association, the Guam Fisherman Co-op, and played a role in the Guam Fishing Derby and the Marianas Fishing Derby.

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Office of the Speaker  
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
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Print Name: Janice Mesa

Mr. Perez was also known to be a generous person, always willing to help others, who assisted other boaters and fisherman when the need arose. It is a fitting memorial to have the Hagåtña Boat Basin known as the "Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina".

Very truly yours,



Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
I Maga'lahañ Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

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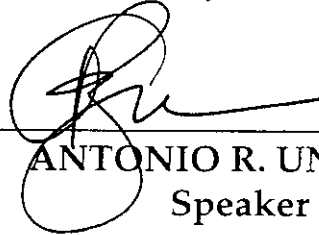
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                         original attached for vetoed bill

cc:    The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown  
         Legislative Secretary

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

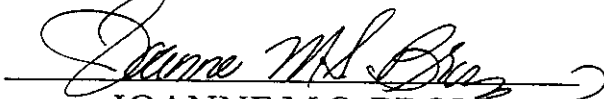
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 572 (LS), "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE "HAGÁTÑA BOAT BASIN" TO THE "GREGORIO DUENAS PEREZ MARINA," was on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998, duly and regularly passed.




ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Speaker

Attested:




JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'laha Guahan* this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998,  
at 10:40 o'clock 9 .M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
*I Maga'laha Guahan*

Date: 5-8-98

Public Law No. 24-195

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

**Bill No. 572 (LS)**

As amended by the Committee on  
Rules, Government Reform and  
Federal Affairs and amended on the  
Floor.

Introduced by:

Felix P. Camacho  
A. R. Unpingco  
M. C. Charfauros  
E. J. Cruz  
C. A. Leon Guerrero  
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A. C. Lamorena, V  
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J. M.S. Brown  
Francisco P. Camacho  
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Mark Forbes  
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A. L.G. Santos  
F. E. Santos  
J. Won Pat-Borja

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF  
THE "HAGÁTÑA BOAT BASIN" TO THE  
"GREGORIO DUENAS PEREZ MARINA."

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

1           **Section 1. Legislative Statement.**

*I Liheslaturan Guahan* credits

2 much of the establishment of Guam’s sports fishing industry to the efforts  
3 of the late Honorable Gregorio D. Perez, who for forty (40) years refined the  
4 skills of a sports and commercial fisherman. The late Honorable Gregorio  
5 D. Perez served the Island community as a member of the Guam Assembly  
6 and as a Senator in the Mina Dos na Liheslaturan Guahan . Furthermore,  
7 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* remembers the establishment of a fishing world  
8 record in our waters, when, on August 21, 1969, the late Honorable  
9 Gregorio D. Perez caught a 1,153 pound Pacific Blue Marlin outside  
10 Ritidian Point, Guam, and that said record was held through 1982.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further credits the late Honorable Gregorio D. Perez  
12 with the development of the Port Authority of Guam’s Hagåtña Boat Basin as we  
13 know it today, utilized by many of the Island’s local fisherman for recreation,  
14 competition and sustenance, maintaining the culture of the Chamorros as an  
15 Island people.

16           **Section 2.** The port known as the “Hagåtña Boat Basin,” under the  
17 authority of the Port Authority of Guam and located in the City of Hagåtña,  
18 Guam, shall be understood to refer to the “*Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina.*”

19           **Section 3.** All references in the Guam Code Annotated and the laws, rules  
20 and regulations of Guam to the “Hagåtña Boat Basin” shall be understood to refer  
21 to the “*Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina.*”

**24th Guam Legislature**  
**Committee on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**  
*Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman*



**APR 22 1998**

Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco  
I Mina' Bente Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan  
155 Hesler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs, to which Bill No. 572 was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 572 as amended by the Committee** "An act to change the official name of the Agana Boat Basin to the 'Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina'."

The voting record is as follows:

TO PASS	<u>10</u>
NOT TO PASS	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	<u>0</u>

Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached.

Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase for your attention to this matter.

  
MARK FORBES

Attachments

**24th Guam Legislature**  
**Committee on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**  
**Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Committee Members

**FR:** Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Committee Report- Bill No. 572 as amended by the Committee "An act to change the official name of the Agana Boat Basin to the 'Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina'."

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 572 as amended by the Committee from the Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs.

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Bill No. 572 as amended by the Committee
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Written Testimony
6. Fiscal Note/Fiscal Note Waiver
7. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding the report or accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase.

**MARK FORBES**

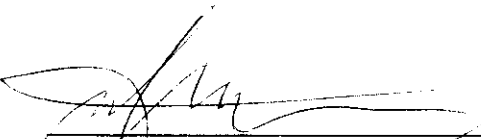
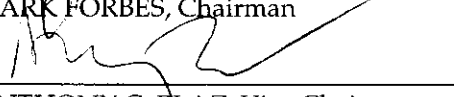
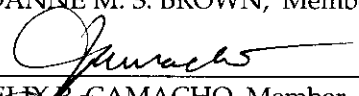
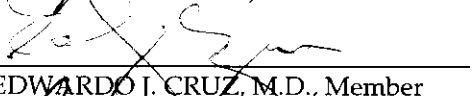

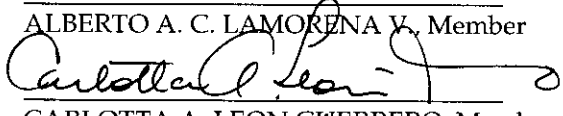
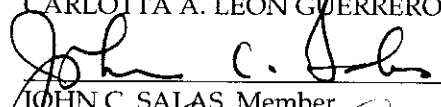
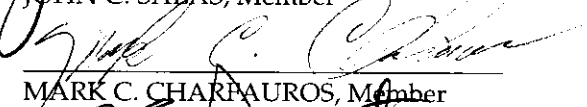

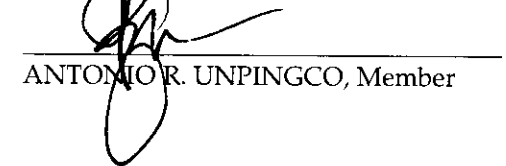
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**Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs**

**I Mina' Bente Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan**

**Voting Record**

Committee Report- Bill No. 572 as amended by the Committee "An act to change the official name of the Agana Boat Basin to the 'Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina'."

	<u>TO</u> <u>PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO</u> <u>PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u> <u>FILE</u>
 MARK FORBES, Chairman	✓			
 ANTHONY C. BLAZ, Vice-Chairman	✓			
JOANNE M. S. BROWN, Member				
 FELIX P. CAMACHO, Member	✓			
 EDUARDO J. CRUZ, M.D., Member	✓			
 LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER, Member	✗			
ALBERTO A. C. LAMORENA V., Member				
 CARLOTTA A. LEON GWERRERO, Member	✓			
 JOHN C. SALAS, Member	✓			
 MARK C. CHARPAUROS, Member	✓			
 FRANCIS S. SANTOS, Member	✓			
 ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO, Member	✓			



**I Mina' Bente Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guahan**

**Committee On Rules,  
Government Reform & Federal Affairs  
Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman**

**Committee Report**

**on**

**Bill No. 572 as amended by the Committee**

**“An act to change the official name of the Agana Boat Basin to  
the ‘Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina’.”**

## **I. OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs held a public hearing on Friday, April 17, 1998 at 11 a.m. in the Session Hall of I Liheslaturan Guahan. Public Notice of the hearing was announced in the April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998 issues of the Pacific Daily News.

Senators in attendance were:

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman  
Senator Mark Charfauros, Member  
Senator Ben Pangelinan  
Senator Francisco Camacho

Appearing before the Committee were:

Ms. Lou M. Perez (written testimony attached)  
Ms. Carol M. Perez (written testimony attached)  
Mr. Greg M. Perez (written testimony attached)

Submitting written testimony:

Mrs. Asuncion M. Perez (attached)  
Mrs. Teresa Perez Arriola (attached)  
Mr. Fred E. Bordallo (attached)  
Mr. Joseph F. Mesa (attached)

Also submitted:

Written petition, signed by twenty-seven individuals, in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

## **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Ms. Lou Perez, daughter of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez, read her testimony before the Committee in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

Ms. Carol M. Perez, daughter of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez, read her testimony before the Committee in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

Mr. Greg M. Perez, son of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez, read testimony before the Committee in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached) on behalf of the family.

Mrs. Asuncion M. Perez, wife of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez, submitted written testimony in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

Mrs. Teresa Perez Arriola, daughter of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez, submitted written testimony in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

Mr. Fred E. Bordallo submitted written testimony in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

Mr. Joseph F. Mesa submitted written testimony in favor of Bill No. 572 (attached).

### III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

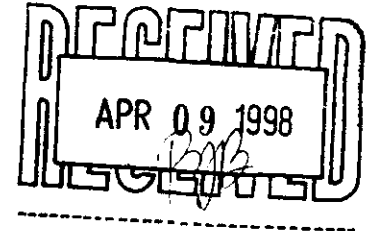
The Committee finds that renaming the Agana Boat Basin in honor of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez would be a fitting tribute to a gentleman who made countless contributions to Guam, especially to the development of the marina.

The late Mr. Perez served the island of Guam as a member of the Guam Assembly in 1948 and as a Senator in the Second Guam Legislature. In the late 1950's and early 1960's, Mr. Perez aided in the early development of the Agana Boat Basin as a charter member of the Guam Fisherman Association and the Guam Fisherman Co-op. Mr. Perez also played an active role in the creation of the Guam Fishing Derby and the Marianas Fishing Derby.

Though Mr. Perez will be noted for his contributions as a legislator, many will most remember him for his catch of the Pacific Blue Marlin in 1969. This world record marlin was donated to the government of Guam and was showcased for many years at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport. Mr. Perez donated the marlin as a show of commitment to the then newly developing tourism industry.

Accordingly, the Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs, to which Bill No. 572 was referred does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guahan **TO DO PASS Bill No. 572 as amended by the Committee** "An act to change the official name of the Agana Boat Basin to the 'Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina'."

**24th Guam Legislature**  
**Committee on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**  
*Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman*



**APR 09 1998**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairman  
Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

**FROM:** ~~Chairman~~  
Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Referral- Bill No. 572

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**MARK FORBES**

Attachment



April 17, 1998

Senator Mark Forbes & Members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature:

It is with great pleasure that I write today in support of Bill No. 572, relative to renaming the Agana Boat Basin in honor of my dad, Gregorio Duenas Perez.

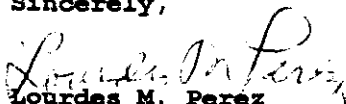
Nothing would make my dad prouder or happier than to learn of this effort to rename the Boat Basin after him. He would be deeply touched, and quite frankly, deeply humbled by this movement. To know my dad would be to know, or learn something about fishing, something about boats, something about the sea. He was at one with nature, and from his great love for fishing, for the boat basin, for the sea, one would learn what it means to respect the limits and powers of men, and to marvel, to experience, to learn about and respect the awesome powers of nature, and more specifically the powers of the sea.

Like a true fisherman, my dad would talk for hours about his fishing experiences, his great catches, the "great fishing spots". I've watched him frequently map out these spots in the fishing charts he has at home. Although, it is a well known fact that fishermen generally do not share their "secret fishing spots" with other fishermen, my dad has been known to share these areas with others, probably just giving them enough of a general idea, making sure that he leaves enough to challenge them to rely on their own instincts and capabilities.

My dad always supported activities that would improve the fishing and boating industry on this island, especially efforts to improve the Agana Boat Basin. He was not one to profit financially from this interest of his, but rather to offer and to share what he hoped would be better facilities with his contemporaries and for generations to come.

It would make me very happy, proud and honored to have the Boat Basin named after my dad. It would be a fitting tribute to someone who in his own special, quiet way, has done much to foster tremendous interest in the sports fishing and boating industry. I respectfully ask that you bestow this honor to my dad.

Sincerely,

  
Lourdes M. Perez  
Tamuning, Guam

April 17, 1998

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee on Government Reform, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am Carol Perez. I humbly come before you to testify in favor of renaming the Agana Boat Basin in honor of my father, Gregorio Duenas Perez.

Fishing was pop's life.

I remember as a young child spending many hours at the Agana Boat Basin either with him on a boat or with my family, awaiting his arrival from his long fishing trips. I distinctly recall the evening of Aug. 21, 1969 and the many days that followed.

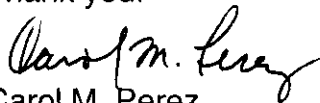
**The Monster Fish!** The Monster Pacific Blue Marlin! The largest I ever saw and the largest our Island residents could ever imagine landing. A Grander fish caught by an **Islander, a Chamorro**, my dad!

He generously donated this catch to the Government of Guam. This prize catch kept our island proud for 12 years and continues to do so while being displayed at the A.B. Wonpat International Airport for all residents and visitors to see.

His love and devotion for our island, its people and for the sport of fishing was clearly illustrated with his accomplishments as a Legislator, a business man and by his personal involvement in the early development of the Agana Boat Basin.

I thank the many sponsors of Bill 572. I believe the Honorable Gregorio Duenas Perez is well deserving of such an honor.

Thank you.



Carol M. Perez  
197 Calle Angel Flores St.  
Sinajana, Guam 96926

**TESTIMONY**  
**ON**  
**BILL # 572**  
**AN ACT TO RENAME**  
**THE AGANA BOAT BASIN**

4/15/98

**Senator Mark Forbes**  
**Chairman-Committee**  
**on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**

**Mister Chairman, Senator Mark Forbes**  
**and Members of the Committee;**

**I appear before you in behalf of the family of the late Gregorio Duenas Perez to testify in favor of Bill # 572 , an act to rename the Agana Boat Basin. First, we thank you Mr. Chairman and the Members of the Committee for the opportunity to testify on Bill # 572.**

**Our testimony may appear bias; however, we feel strongly in favor of Bill 572 based on our Dad's own merits due to his outstanding contributions and modest or undocumented role in the development ,both directly and indirectly, of Guam's off-shore sport fishing industry and the actual initial development of the Agana Boat Basin.**

**Our testimony is based on our recollection of his contributions. Our Dad was initially introduced into off-shore fishing by his brother Enrique, at the time a retired Navy Chief, in the late fifty's. Our uncle Rick convinced my Dad to purchase a blue print for a fourteen foot recreational craft. Within a few weeks after the maiden launch our Dad had a better use of the boat and that was fishing rather than skiing. At first it was a weekend activity but his passion to be one with the ocean and his drive to learn about off shore fishing eventually lead to his**



retirement as a full time managing partner of Perez Bros. Inc. in the late sixty's.

In the early sixties, he had already acquired and refurbished a 33 foot captain's gig-a navy surplus vessel powered by a single gray marine diesel engine and named it after my sister Dudi. Indeed this boat was his second home. Along with his friends, he spent thousand of hours learning the ways of the ocean and its environment which eventually earned him the respect of his peers. I, alone with my cousins Eddy, Tony and Ricky spent endless hours fishing with our Dad learning the trade of fishing, yet respecting the power of the ocean and its environment.

We would like to share a couple of fishing stories, of course factual, as members of his fishing crew or as our Dad told us. The first story is the finding of the fishing bank known as White Tuna. Yes, our Dad along with his crew of Jerry Oberhiem and Frank Quinata found at that time the uncharted fishing bank ,White Tuna. It so happened that Dad and his crew went out on a two day fishing trip south of Guam, specifically at Santa Rosa Reef. During the night while bottom fishing they fell asleep while drifting across Santa Rosa Reef. When they awoke at dawn, they noticed two things; Guam was no where visible and they were over a shallow reef. They ended up spending many hours charting the banks using a depth finder. Using their skills as experienced boaters, they worked their way back to Santa Rosa and eventually plotted the coordinates of White Tuna Banks. This is typical of our Dad, always looking for new fishing grounds or spots for both trolling and bottom fishing. But best of all he was always willing to share with others both his knowledge of fishing spots and always his catch.

After a while there were not too many crew takers, merely because our Dad never guaranteed to return to port the same day. Whenever he was asked what time they will be returning, he simply said, when the boxes are full. The ocean was indeed second nature to him yet he was aware of his limitations and never intentionally challenged the power of the ocean.

A special trade of our Dad is his willingness to help others in need. He was an approachable person and people felt comfortable around him. There was an incident in the early eighties that typifies his benevolent personality. A fisherman lost a prop on his single engine while fishing

**Rota Banks with his wife. Unfortunately, this fisherman left his wife on board and hitched a ride into Agana Boat basin with the intention of returning to the banks with his second boat to tow in his cripple craft. As usual the unexpected happened. Not only did the winds pick up, he could not start his back-up craft. I was at the Basin at the time watching this fisherman pleading with everyone for assistance; however, no one was willing because of the change of the weather. His was finally informed that the Coast Guard will respond at day break. At around eight that night and after hearing the whole story from this fisherman, I called Dad and explained the situation. He informed me to get the Boat ready. Drawing on his experience and calculating the drift and the hours of drift he plotted a course that took us directly to the vessel. After all the effort, there was not even a thank you. When I questioned my Dad about it, he merely said we did our deed for the day. Just be glad that she is safe.**

**There was another incident that I personally experienced during one of our fishing trips. We left Agana Basin at three one morning on a two day planned trip to White Tuna Banks. At five thirty that morning the Coast Guard placed an alert out for a 14 foot craft failing to return to port. Last known location was bottom fishing off Umatac Bay. After alerting Dad about the report, he instructed me to head due Southwest in search of the craft. He told me that if the boat drifted at sunset, it should be within a couple of miles to our southwest. Sure enough within twenty minutes we spotted the craft and assisted the fisherman restart his engines. After informing the Coast Guard of the situation we proceeded on our long trip South. While we were on our way, Dad turn to me and simply said “never ignore a distress call” assuming we were within the area. I knew that we would have spent the whole day searching for the craft if the situation was different.**

**Other aspects of our Dad’s contributions are the early development of the Agana Boat Basin ( late fifties & early sixties ), charter member of the Guam Fisherman Association and Guam Fisherman Co-op and also actively played a role in the advent of the Guam Fishing Derby and the Marinas Fishing Derby. Our Dad was always supportive of the marina development. In the late fifties I recall spending numerous weekends with Dad while following up in the dredging and piling of the basin. The**

materials used for the initial shelter built at the middle of the boat basin were mostly donated by the fishermen to include our Dad.

Lastly his willingness to donate the world record fish to the Government as a show case to everyone obviously showed our Dad's commitment to the then novice tourism industry with emphasis Guam's sport fishing development. Unfortunately, we would never know the true weight of the record marlin since sixteen hours had passed by the time it was re-scaled at a little over 1100 pounds.

I must comment on the catch as related to me by our Dad. It was early afternoon on the day of August 21, 1969 when the record Pacific Blue Marlin took the bait off Dad's 16 odd Penn Senator reel. The lure my Dad was running was a Kona head and somewhat brownish in color. The craft he was on was the Valerie owned and locally built by Walter Dale and Mr. Blake. Seconds after the strike Dad knew it was a big fish yet not realizing that it might be a record until the monster broke surface and danced away from the boat. An hour into the fight, the marlin sounded taking as much line as she could until she finally gave up. At this point the work just started. For the next hour and a half Dad inched the marlin back up to the surface and after many attempts to board the marlin, Dad and his crew finally decided to tow the monster fish back to the boat basin. It was not until dark that the record marlin was lifted of the water and loaded on a flatbed truck for transport.

It was around nine that evening that Mr. Campbell finally arrived with a 1,200 pound capacity scale for the initial weighing. As to the expectation of everyone witnessing the weigh-in, the marlin tip the scale. A decision was then made to continue icing the fish until the next morning when it was intended to transport the prize fish to Hawaiian Rock for the official weighing. However, for what ever reason, a decision was made to re-weigh the fish using the original scale early the next morning, which was eventually recorded as the official weight.

It is a rare find indeed, to find someone who would share the secrets of one's craft, to volunteer help where there's unwillingness, to be humble before his creator and fellowmen and to be of service for it's own sake. The intent of Bill 572 will hopefully send a message to our young people

**that pursuing your dream, sharing your knowledge and quiet unselfish service is noble and desired.**

**In closing, we are in favor Bill # 572 but we do suggest that the words Boat Basin be substituted by the word Marina so as to read Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina.**

**Again, thank you for this opportunity to testify.**

**Sincerely Yours**

**The Family of the late Gregorio D. Perez**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregorio D. Perez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "G".

April 17, 1998

Senator Mark Forbes & Members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

I am very pleased to send this short statement today stating that I am extremely happy and honored to learn of Bill No. 572 relative to renaming the Agana Boat Basin in honor of my late husband, Gregorio Duenas Perez. As many many people know, my husband began his sports fishing career in the early 60's, although throughout his younger years, he was always well known for his swimming, spearfishing, and free diving abilities. However, it was in the early sixties that Greg really began to explore the waters off of Guam and later, the northern Marianas; thus began his deep love and respect for the sea.

Greg always shared his boats, his catch and the joys and the lessons to be learned from fishing. He was very active in the formation of the Guam Fishing & Boating Association, and did much, many times donating his men's time, equipment and materials, to build the club's early facilities at the Agana Boat Basin. Whenever there was ever a boat reported lost at sea, or anytime someone needed help, my husband would be the first to help organize a rescue group to try and locate or otherwise rescue boaters, or fishermen in distress. To know Greg, to find Greg up until the last few years when his health started to fail him, all one would have to do is drop by the boat basin. If his boat's there, Greg's there. If not, he would be fishing out there, somewhere off the shores of Guam.

Greg loved life and lived it to its fullest. It gave him tremendous pleasure to take people out on the boat to share the pleasures and challenges of fishing, and of the sea. To this day, people call me to tell me that Greg took them out fishing once, or twice, and that because of him, they've learned to enjoy and appreciate the sport. It would make Greg extremely happy, honored and proud to have the Agana Boat Basin renamed after him. It would make me very happy to know that all those years Greg devoted to his second love, to sharing what fortunes or talents, and interests he may have had, is acknowledged and recognized.

Honorable Senators, on behalf of myself and my children, I humbly ask that you bestow this honor of renaming the Agana Boat Basin to the Gregorio Duenas Perez Boat Basin (or Marina) in recognition of Greg's love, dedication, and achievements in the fishing and boating industry.

  
ASUNCION M. PEREZ & Family  
Tamuning, Guam

April 16, 1998

The Honorable Mark Forbes  
Chairman, Committee on Government Reform  
24<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of your committee. I am Mrs. Teresa Perez Arriola, and along with my brothers and sisters, am extremely honored that Bill No. 572 (LS) to rename the Agana Boat Basin in my father's name the "Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina" is under consideration. I would like to thank the many sponsors of this legislation for recognizing the achievements of my father as a former Assemblyman and Senator of the Guam Legislature and as an accomplished sports and commercial fisherman.

As the second oldest offspring of the late Gregorio D. Perez and Asuncion M. Perez, it was one of my responsibilities to wait for my dad's arrival from one of his numerous fishing trips. I recall many hours of waiting with families of other fishermen. Back then (about 30 plus years ago) the lack of telephone, two-way radios, shelter and lavatories did not deter us from waiting patiently for our loved ones to return. The boat basin was not just a place for boats to dock – it was a place for refuge – a meeting ground for family and friends. This is where we waited for news of loved ones and their safe arrival.

The fishermen are in a class of their own. They looked after each other's welfare, helped whenever the need arose and were messengers to worried families. Their love for the sport and their concern for each other was utmost in these men. My father's enthusiasm in the sport and his

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strong desire in promoting it was vital. His high regard for people and their needs was always first and foremost. The improvement on the boat basin for the fishermen, their families and friends was always a priority for him. He always wanted to make the boat basin a safe place for everyone, a meeting ground to share experiences and to help anyone in need. My father was a humble man, but his generosity was overwhelming.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for this opportunity to submit testimony on Bill No. 572 (LS) and sharing with you how honored we are that the Agana Boat Basin is under consideration to be renamed in my father's name, the "Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina". We truly hope that this be a reality.

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Reform & Federal Affairs  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
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Re: Written Testimoy In Favor Of Bill No.  
572-(LS) An Act To Change The Official Name  
Of The Agana Boat Basin To "THE GREGORIO  
DUENAS PEREZ BOAT BASIN".

Dear Senator Forbes:

I intended to appear personally to testify in favor of Bill No. 572, unfortunately, I had a prior commitment with an Off-island client.

I fully support Senator Felix P. Camacho's measure now co-sponsored by many other Senators.

My late friend Greg has certainly contributed greatly to the development of the commercial and sport fishing industry as pointed out in the bill.

I can personally attest to the fact that many of our tourist from Japan who are interested in sports fishing have heard of Greg as a result of his record catch marlin.

Its display at the Won Pat International Air Port continually reminds tourists of the possibility of such a catch in Guam. Needless to say, it helps promote our tourism industry on the island.

Gregorio Duenas Perez's accomplishments have been fully documented in Resolution No. 293 passed by you and your



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colleagues and presented to his family at the state funeral.

I firmly believe that said accomplishments fully justifies the renaming of the Agana Boat Basin to the Gregorio Duenas Perez Boat Basin.

I respectfully urge you and your committee to act favorably for the passage of Bill No. 572 (LS).

Sincerely yours,

  
Fred E. Bordallo

Joseph F. Mesa  
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17 April 1998

The Honorable Mark Forbes  
Chairman  
Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Hagatna, Guam 96932

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs, for the record my name is Joseph F. Mesa, a resident and a citizen of Guam.

I write to you Mr. Chairman and this Committee to submit for the record my favorable support for bill No. 572 (LS) as introduced by Senator Felix P. Camacho:

“AN ACT TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE  
AGANA BOAT BASIN TO “THE GREGORIO DUENAS  
PEREZ BOAT BASIN.”

Yes it true that Mr. Perez played a major role in the establishment of Guam’s sports fishing industry - but to Mr. Perez - fishing was more than a sport - it was a way of life and I would venture to say that it was his life. Mr. Perez’s love for the industry is undescrivable.

He was a professional fisherman. On the many fishing trips that I had the honor and privilege of accompanying Mr. Perez on, there is one underlying lesson that I learned and continue to have a great deal of appreciation for — that is a respect for the sea. Mr. Perez would always reminds us never, never, take advantage or be disrespectful to the sea.

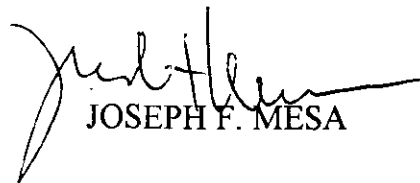
I recall on a number of occasions as we were about ready to depart from the Agana Boat Basin - other fishermen would ask - Greg - where are you going today? They asked because they knew that where ever he was headed, it was the right place. And Mr. Perez would always freely give his destination. He was never selfish but always willingly to help his fellow colleagues - the fishermen.

Mr. Perez's legacy will forever remain in my mind as well as being part of my life. The proposal to rename the Agana Basin to the Gregorio Duenas Perez Boat Basin is a honor that must be bestowed on Mr. Gregorio Duenas Perez.

I would, Mr. Chairman like for the Committee to consider changing the name to - "Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina" instead of Gregorio Duenas Perez Boat Basin.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit favorably testimony in support of Bill No. 572 (LS).

Respectfully submitted,



JOSEPH F. MESA

**TESTIMONY**  
**ON**  
**BILL # 572**  
**AN ACT TO RENAME**  
**THE AGANA BOAT BASIN**

4/15/98

**Senator Mark Forbes**  
**Chairman-Committee**  
**on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**

**Mister Chairman, Senator Mark Forbes**  
**and Members of the Committee;**

The undersign submits this written petition as testimony in favor of Bill # 572, an act to rename the Agana Boat Basin to Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina.

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The Bureau requests that Bill No(s) 572(LS) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 for the following reasons.

Bill No. 572 is an Act to change the official name of the "Agaña Boat Basin" to the "Gregorio Duenas Perez Boat Basin". Any references in the Guam Code Annotated, laws, rules and regulations regarding the "Agaña Boat Basin" shall be understood to refer to the "Gregorio Duenas Perez Boat Basin". The intent of the proposed legislation is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact on the General Fund at this time.

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