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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
I Mina'Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fifth Guam Legislature
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Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 88 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §3 OF P.L. NO. 24-127, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MERIZO MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE SAN DIMAS CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO CHARGE FEES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 25-28**.

Very truly yours,

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

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill
original attached for vetoed bill

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

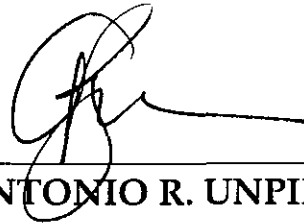
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MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1999 (FIRST) Regular Session


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

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ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker


Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
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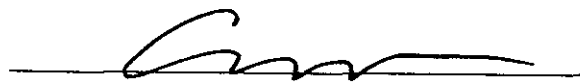
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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guahan* this 25th day of May, 1999,
at 4:35 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahen Guahan

Date: 6-4-99

Public Law No. 25-28

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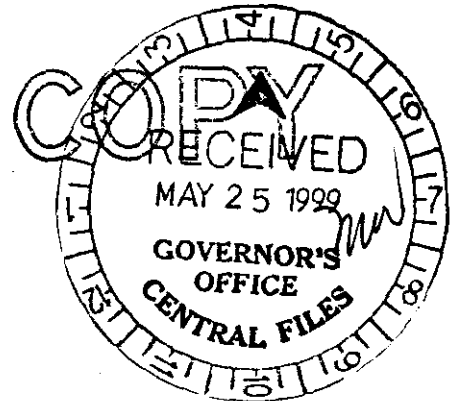
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TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

May 25, 1999

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear *Maga'lahi* Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 47 (COR), 73 (COR), 88 (COR), 103 (LS), and 146 (COR) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 24, 1999.

Sincerely,

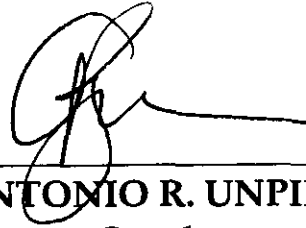
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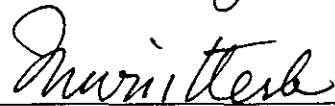
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Speaker

Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
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Assistant Staff Officer
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Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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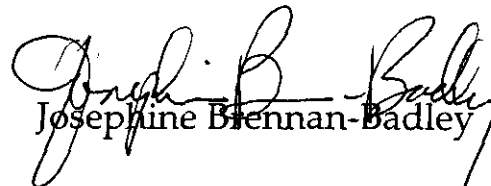
To: Senator ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO

From: Clerk of the Legislature

Subject: Report on Bill No. 88 (COR)

Pursuant to §7.04 of Rule VII of the 25th Standing Rules, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Committee Report on Bill No. 88 C(OR), for which you are the prime sponsor.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please call the undersigned at 472-3464/5.


Josephine Brennan-Badley

Attachment

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT
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I Mina'Bente Sing'ko Na Liheslaturan Guahan
SENATOR EDDIE BAZA CALVO

CHAIRMAN

**COMMITTEE ON POWER, PUBLIC WORKS, TAX and REGULATORY REFORM,
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Office of Senator Eddie Baza Calvo
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May 11, 1999

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
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via: Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

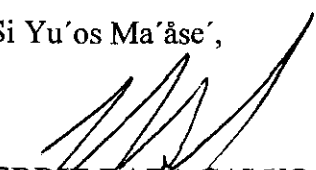
The Committee on Power, Public Works, Tax and Regulatory Reform, Municipal and Community Affairs, to which was referred **BILL NO. 88 (COR)** "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 24-127, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MERIZO MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE SAN DIMAS CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO CHARGE FEES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY", does hereby report back, with the recommendation **TO DO PASS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

Votes of the Committee members are as follows:

To Pass	<u>9</u>
Not to Pass	<u>1</u>
Abstain	<u> </u>
Off-Island	<u> </u>
Not Available	<u>1</u>

A copy of the Committee Report is attached for your consideration.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase',


EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Chairman



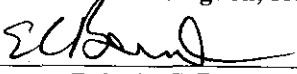
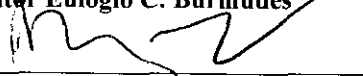
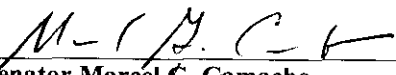
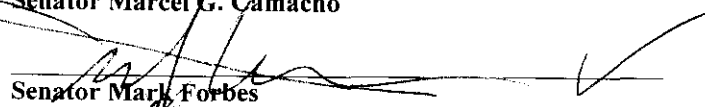
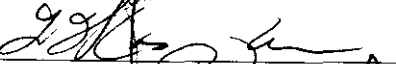
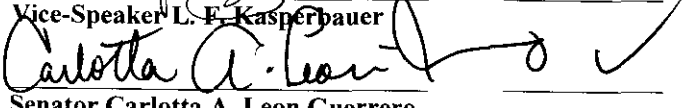
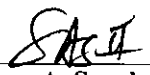
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VOTING SHEET:

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<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
 Senator Eddie Baza Calvo Chairman	✓			
 Senator Kaleo S. Moylan Vice-Chairman	✓			
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Ex-Officio Member				
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. 	✓			
Senator Eulogio C. Burmudes 	✓			
Senator Anthony C. Blaz 	✓			
Senator Marcel G. Camacho 	✓			
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COMMITTEE REPORT

ON

BILL NO. 88 (COR)

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PREAMBLE

The Committee on Power, Public Works, Tax and Regulatory Reform, Municipal and Community Affairs, upon proper notice, conducted a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 26, 199 on Bill No. 88(cor), AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 24-127, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MERIZO MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE SAN DIMAS CHURCH PARIS COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO CHARGE FEES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY.

The public hearing was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Eddie Baza Calvo. The members who were present were Senator Frank Blas Aguon, Jr., Senator Simon A. Sanchez II, Senator Eulogio C. Bermudes, Senator Kaleo S. Moylan, Senator Marcel G. Camacho and Senator Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero.

TESTIMONY

Appearing before the Committee to testify and presenting the only written testimony (labeled "Exhibit A") in favor of Bill No. 88(cor) was Father Mike Crisostomo, Pastor of San Dimas Parish in Malesso. Father Mike testified that while the Merizo Public Cemetery is in fact a public cemetery which is funded by taxpayers money, it has, since its inception, been a community cemetery used largely by the people of Merizo. He also testified that neither the Church nor the Parish Council will receive any money or determine who will be buried at the cemetery. Father Mike's testimony alluded to the fact that the original cemetery is on private land and was a church cemetery. However, the expansion of the cemetery and status change to the Merizo Public Cemetery could continue to improve the relationship between the Parish Council and the Municipal Planning Council.

Others appearing to testify before the Committee were Mayor Ignacio "Buck" Cruz, Mr. Antonio B. Cruz, Mr. Frederick Quinene, Mr. Jeff D.T. Barcinas, and Juan C. Cruz, all of Merizo and who all testified in favor of the passage of Bill No. 88(cor).

COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The Committee on Power, Public Works, Tax and Regulatory Reform, Municipal and Community Affairs finds that transferring the maintenance and the upkeep of the Merizo Public Cemetery from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Merizo Municipal Planning Council would be more appropriate. The history of the cemetery has been more a community cemetery rather than a public cemetery. The people of Merizo will more than likely maintain and upkeep the cemetery much better than the Department of Parks and Recreation because it would be considered as an integral part of their community.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Power, Public Works, Tax and Regulatory Reform, Municipal and Community Affairs recommends that Bill No. 88(cor) as amended by the committee be passed by the Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan.

EXHIBITS

- “A” Written testimony by Father Mike Crisostomo, San Dimas Pastor
- “B” Bill No. 88(cor) as introduced.
- “C” Public Law No. 24-127

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SUBMITTED BY
PALE MIKE CRISOSTOMO, PASTOR, SAN DIMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

RE: BILL NO. 88 (COR)

Mr. Chairman, Hon. Eddie Baza Calvo, and members of this Legislative Committee, I would like to extend my appreciation for the support provided to the People of Malessso for the added infrastructure to the Cemetery.

I support the intent of Bill Number 88(COR) that allows for the maintenance of the public cemetery.

Additionally, I want to add the following for consideration by the Committee. Given the situation where the present Malessso Cemetery, located on private property, has come to the point where the burial spaces are not available and the current construction of burial crypts, located on GovGuam property, provides for added improvement to the situation. The Malessso Cemetery and the Public Cemetery is considered a **Community Cemetery**. This is a most unique situation where the Government of Guam through the Merizo Municipal Planning Council will be authorized to partner with the Malessso San Dimas Catholic Church.

I like to reinforce the need for the following positions to clarify and strengthen the relationships between the Merizo Municipal Planning Council and the San Dimas Catholic Church when the construction is completed.

1. **That the Pastor of the Malessso San Dimas Catholic Church and the Mayor has recognized equivalent levels of say in the matters related to the Community Cemetery.** This is very important to maintain communication and the relationship between the Malessso Municipal Planning Council and the San Dimas Catholic Church. Any advise and directives given to parishioners and the community of Malessso can be jointly made.
2. **With input from the Mayor and the Municipal Planning Council, the Pastor and the Parish Council will be allowed to continue the management practices used in the adjacent church cemetery for the Community Cemetery.** Given that the Church has made the effort to strengthen the management of the existing cemetery for many years, there will be continuity with very limited interruption in the new community cemetery. Procedures and practices have been established and accessibility is easier for everyone. The Parish will continue the cooperation and coordination to assist the Mayor and will provide needed information such as burial records, etc. and other compliance expectations of Public Law 24-127.

EXHIBIT "A"

3. **Residents of Malesso who are non-catholic and/or of other religious denominations will be assisted and accommodated the same as any catholic families or individuals.** It is understood that the community cemetery is public property and the crypts are constructed with taxpayers fund, therefore procedures and protocols will include provisions for these individuals.
4. **The Malesso Mayor and the Municipal Planning Council will manage the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.** The staff and schedule maintenance of the cemetery will be directed by the Mayor's Office.
5. **Fees Collected for the use of the crypts in the community cemetery will be directly dealt with by the Mayor's Office.** The San Dimas Catholic Church will direct the family members arranging the funeral services to the Mayor's office. Fees will not be collected or received by the Church Staff and/or Parish Council Members.

With regards to the fee schedule, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input in finding an optimum level to charge for the use of the crypts in the community cemetery. The Parish Council will need to inquire for more information to provide suggestions to the Malesso Mayor and Municipal Planning Council.

Again, I want to extend my appreciation for the opportunity to testify before this committee.

FEB 11 1999

**MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
1999 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 88 (COR)

Introduced by:

A. R. Unpingco ⁶

**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 3 OF
PUBLIC LAW 24-127, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING
THE MERIZO MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL
AND THE SAN DIMAS CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND
TO CHARGE FEES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND
UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that the residents of Merizo largely utilize the Merizo Public Cemetery
4 and that it should be considered a community cemetery, rather than a public
5 cemetery. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the maintenance of the
6 cemetery be placed under the jurisdiction of the Mayor of Merizo, the Merizo
7 Municipal Planning Council, in cooperation and coordination with the San
8 Dimas Church Parish Council.

9 **Section 2.** Section 3 of Public Law 24-127 is hereby *repealed and*
10 *reenacted* to read as follows:

11 **"Section 3. Maintenance and Upkeep.** The Merizo Municipal
12 Planning Council and the San Dimas Church Parish Council, a not-for-

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1 profit organization, are hereby authorized to establish rules and
2 regulations and fee schedule for the use of the Merizo Public Cemetery.
3 Monies generated from the use of the Merizo Public Cemetery shall be
4 used to fund the maintenance and upkeep of the Cemetery. The Merizo
5 Municipal Planning Council shall establish and maintain an account,
6 separate from all other accounts, for all monies received from the use of
7 the Merizo Public Cemetery. Funds generated shall be used strictly for
8 the maintenance and upkeep of the Cemetery. The Merizo Municipal
9 Planning Council shall provide the Department of Parks and Recreation
10 with an annual report on the use of funds received from the use of the
11 Merizo Public Cemetery."



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

FEB 16 1998

Refer to
Legislative Secretary

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Guam Legislature Temporary Building
155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT

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Date 2-17-98

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Substitute Bill No. 449 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-127.

This legislation provides \$300,000 to provide for maintenance, upkeep, and expansion of the Merizo Public Cemetery.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

Attachment 00647

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

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO

Date: 2/17/98

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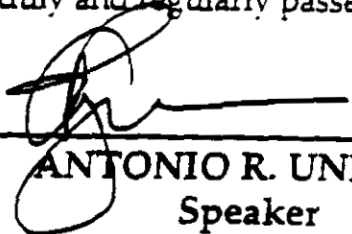
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TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

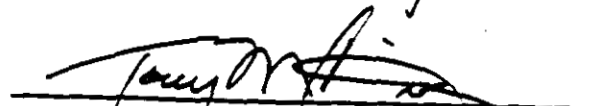
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 449 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO PUBLIC CEMETERY," was on the 4th day of February, 1998, duly and regularly passed.


ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 6th day of February 1998, at
9:15 o'clock A.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

Date: 2-16-98

Public Law No. 24-127



**TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1997 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 449 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee
on Finance and Taxation and as amended
on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) FROM THE
GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PURPOSES OF
CONSTRUCTING THE NECESSARY
INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MERIZO PUBLIC**

CEMETERY AND AUTHORIZING THE
MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE MERIZO
PUBLIC CEMETERY.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings. The Guam Legislature finds that
3 there is a dire need to increase the number of cemetery plots at the Merizo
4 Public Cemetery. The existing cemetery located on Lot Number 141-1,
5 Merizo, Guam is near capacity. There are only four (4) remaining plots and
6 the average number of plots required per year is seventeen (17). The Guam
7 Legislature finds that it is increasingly necessary to expedite the construction
8 of the access road, crypts and drainage on Lot Number 515 New, Merizo,
9 Guam, which has been set aside for the expansion of the Merizo Public
10 Cemetery. Previous appropriations for this project were redirected elsewhere.
11 As there are few plots remaining, it is a priority of this Legislature that this
12 project begin construction immediately. This cemetery serves as the final
13 resting-place for those residents of Merizo, along with the entire southern
14 community, including the villages of Umatac, Inarajan, Malojloj, Talofofo,
15 Agat and Santa Rita.

16 Section 2. Appropriation. The sum of Three Hundred Thousand
17 Dollars (\$300,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
18 Department of Public Works to begin the immediate construction of an access
19 road, drainage infrastructure, retaining walls and one hundred (100) crypts on
20 Lot Number 515 New, Merizo, Guam, the designated lot of the Merizo Public
21 Cemetery.

22 Section 3. Maintenance & Upkeep. The Department of Parks and
23 Recreation may contract with either the Merizo Municipal Planning Council

1 or a not-for-profit organization in order to maintain and upkeep the Merizo
2 Public Cemetery.

3 Section 4. Within sixty (60) days of enactment of this Act, the Governor
4 shall report to the Guam Legislature if the mandate herein is deemed by him
5 to be not feasible.