



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

JUN 11 2002

The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary
I Mina'Bente Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Sixth Guam Legislature
Suite 200
130 Aspinal Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 322 (LS) "AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF GUAM BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS 'THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY'" which I have signed into law as **Public Law No. 26-103**.

Very truly yours,

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

Attachments: original bill for vetoed legislation or
copy of bill for signed or overridden legislation
and legislation enacted without signature

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker

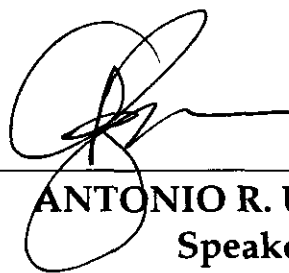
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MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 322 (LS), "AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF GUAM BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS 'THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY'," was on the 17th day of May, 2002, duly and regularly passed.



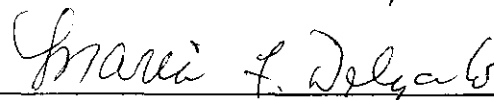
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:



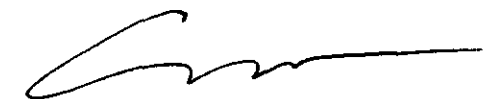
Lawrence F. Kasperbauer
Vice-Speaker/Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 31 day of May, 2002,
at 7:30 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: 6-11-02

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Bill No. 322 (LS)

As amended by the Committee
on Rules, General Governmental
Operations Reorganization and
Reform and Federal, Foreign
and General Affairs and as amended.

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes
J. M.S. Brown
L. A. Leon Guerrero
V. C. Pangelinan
L. F. Kasperbauer
A. R. Unpingco
J. F. Ada
T. C. Ada
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
E. B. Calvo
F. P. Camacho
M. C. Charfauros
K. S. Moylan
A. L.G. Santos
J. T. Won Pat

**AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF
GUAM BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN
BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS
"THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY."**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** During the Vietnam War,
3 thousands of brave men and women from Guam served their Country, and
4 many even gave their lives for their Country. There were more than six

1 thousand (6,000) soldiers from Guam who served in Vietnam, the highest per
2 capita figure in the Nation.

3 Seventy-two (72) of those soldiers died in Vietnam. Despite the lives,
4 the bravery and the dedicated service given by these Vietnam Veterans from
5 Guam, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the veterans who returned to Guam
6 after the Vietnam War did *not* receive a welcome befitting of their
7 contribution to their Country; that the veterans have *not* received proper
8 recognition for their service; and that the veterans have *not* received the honor
9 that is due to them. These are wrongs that are long overdue to be corrected.
10 It is in this spirit that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby recognizes the immense
11 contributions given by the Vietnam Veterans from Guam, and honors those
12 soldiers from Guam who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. *I*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* therefore intends to designate Route 10 in Barrigada,
14 Mangilao and Chalan Pago as "*The Vietnam Veterans Highway*," as a small
15 token of the appreciation and of the pride that the People of Guam have for
16 their Vietnam Veterans.

17 **Section 2. Designating Route 10 as "*The Vietnam Veterans Highway*."**
18 Route 10 shall be designated as "*The Vietnam Veterans Highway*." The
19 Department of Public Works shall post signs visible along Route 10 that
20 displays the name of the highway and dedicates the highway to the men and
21 women from Guam who served the United States in the Vietnam War. The
22 Department of Public Works shall further cause to be affixed prominently and
23 in overhead display, such signs at the intersections of Route 8 and Route 10,
24 Route 15 and Route 10, and Route 4 and Route 10; *provided*, such signs shall be

1 large and distinctive; shall incorporate the logos of the Vietnam Veterans of
2 America, Guam Chapter; the flag of the United States of America and the flag
3 of Guam; and shall clearly designate Route 10 as "*The Vietnam Veterans*
4 *Highway.*"

5 At the dedication ceremony for the designation of Route 10 as "*The*
6 *Vietnam Veterans Highway,*" all Vietnam era veterans from Guam shall receive
7 a welcome home, inclusive of a parade on a portion of The Vietnam Veterans
8 Highway, to which Vietnam era veterans from the region neighboring Guam
9 shall also be invited.

10 **Section 3. Liberation Day Theme.** Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of law, the theme for the 2002 Liberation Day Celebration and
12 associated events shall be "*Welcome Home, Veterans,*" and such celebrations,
13 activities and events associated with Liberation Day, 2002, shall be designed
14 with such theme in mind and in consonance with the need to officially
15 welcome home to Guam all of our veterans who have served in wars and
16 conflicts, inclusive, but *not* limited to World War II, the Korean War, the
17 Vietnam War, the Grenada and Panama actions, the Gulf War and the War on
18 Terrorism.

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I MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 5/17/02

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 322(25)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED</u>	<u>OUT DURING ROLL CALL</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
ADA, Joseph F.	✓				
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓				
BROWN, Joanne M. S.	✓				
CALVO, Eddie B.					✓
CAMACHO, Felix P.	✓				
CHARFAUROS, Mark C.	✓				
FORBES, Mark	✓				
KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.	✓				
LEON GUERRERO, Lourdes A.	✓				
MOYLAN, Kaleo S.	✓				
PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	✓				
SANTOS, Angel L.G.	✓				
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.					✓
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				


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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence

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2002 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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May 15, 2002

The Honorable
Mark Forbes, Chairman
Committee on Rules, Governmental Operations
Reform, Reorganization, Federal and Foreign Affairs

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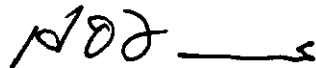
My name is Nicolas D. Francisco, I am a resident of the Village of Mangilao and a veteran of the of the U.S. Army, and a lifetime member of The Vietnam Veterans of America. I am also one of the six thousand Chamorros who served in the Vietnam Conflict from July, 1967 to July, 1968, I proudly served with the 2nd, 27th Wolfhounds, of the 25th Infantry Division, and was stationed at Cu Chi, Republic of Vietnam.

I am submitting this testimony before you today in favor of Bill No. 322(LS) "AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF GUAM BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS "THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY".

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I feel this bill is long overdue with regard to its significance in honoring the 6,000 plus soldiers from Guam (the highest per capital figure in the nation) who served in the Vietnam Conflict, over Seventy of those not returning to their homes and loved ones. This is a menial gesture when compared to the sacrifices that were made by these brave individuals from our island. I also feel that this is one small way of paying them a long overdue tribute and I sincerely believe that no one will question this gesture.

In closing, I humbly request your favorable support of this bill.

Thank you.



NICOLAS D. FRANCISCO



Vicente I. Aguon
MAYOR

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DISTRICTS OF CHALAN PAGO AND ORDOT
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Ref Bill No. 322 (LS), Introduce by Senator Mark Forbes. As the MAYOR and Official representative of the Municipality of Chalan Pago – Ordot, the people of Chalan Pago – Ordot are in favor and support the dedication of Route 10 to be name "THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY" in Honor of all who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Senseramente

VICENTE I. AGUON
MAYOR

James P. Castro

P.O. Box 20731, GMF
Barrigada, GU 96921

May 15, 2002

Honorable Mark Forbes
Chairman, Committee on Rules,
Governmental Operations, Reorganization and
Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs
26th Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Re: Bill 322, Designating Route 10 as "The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee on Rules, Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs ... for the record my name is James P. Castro. I am here to present testimony in support of Bill No. 322 (LS), "An act to Honor the Vietnam Veterans of Guam by designating Route 10 in Barrigada, Mangilao and Chalan Pago as 'The Vietnam Veterans Highway.'"

Mr. Chairman, rather than belabor the issue. I wish to summarize my presentation by quoting Major Michael O'Donnell, KIA March 24, 1970, Dak To, Vietnam. "If you are able, save for them a place inside of you and save one backward glance when you are leaving for the places they can no longer go. Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may or may not have always. Take what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own. And in that time when men decide and feel safe to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind."

In closing, I have taken the liberty of preparing substitute legislation, which I hope that you and members of the Committee consider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive, which appears to be "James P. Castro".

JAMES P. CASTRO

Enclosure:

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JAMES P. CASTRO

Enclosure:

cc: All Senators
Vietnam Veterans Association, Guam

MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 322 (LS)

As substituted by

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes

**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 834 TO
ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1 OF THE
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
HONORING THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF GUAM
BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 AS THE "THE
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY."**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Section 834 is hereby *added* to Article 1, Chapter 8 of Title 1 of the
Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

"Section 834. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

(a) Legislative Statement. During the Vietnam War, thousands brave
men and women from Guam served their country, and many even gave their lives
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7 designates Route 10 in Barrigada, Mangilao and Chalan Pago as "***The Vietnam***
8 ***Veterans Memorial Highway***", as a token of the appreciation and pride that the
9 people of Guam have for their Vietnam Veterans.

10 (b) **Designation.** Commencing at the intersection of Route 8 and
11 Route 10 in Barrigada, through Mangilao to the intersection of Route 10 and
12 Route 4 in Chalan Pago Guam, shall hereinafter be designated and known as the
13 "***Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.***"

14 (c) **Change in Name, Statutory references.** Any provisions in the
15 statutes referencing Route 10 are amended to read: ***Vietnam Veterans Memorial***
16 ***Highway.***"

17 (d) **Dedication.** "If you are able, save for them a place inside of you
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1 **(e) In Memoriam.**

2	Last Name, First and Middle	Rank / Branch	Village
3	AGUON, JOSE QUINATA	PFC, ARMY	UMATAC
4	ASANOMA, FRANCISCO M	SGT, ARMY	INARAJAN
5	BENAVENTE, DAVID GUERRERO	SSG, MARINES	DEDEDO
6	BIAGINI, MARK FREDERICK	SGT, ARMY	MANGILAO
7	BLAS, ANTHONY MARTIN M	SP5, ARMY	YONA
8	BLAZ, JAMES LUJAN	LCPL, MARINES	DEDEDO
9	BORJA, JUAN SANTOS	SSGT, ARMY	AGANA
10	CABRERA, JOAQUIN PALACIOS	SSGT, ARMY	MERIZO
11	CAMACHO, DAVID BITANGA	SSGT, ARMY	TAMUNING
12	CAMACHO, GREGORIO MENO	SFC, ARMY	
13	CARTER, DONALD SUMINGUIT	PFC, ARMY	DEDEDO
14	CASTRO, JUAN PASCUAL R	SSG, ARMY	MONGMONG
15	CEPEDA, JUAN DUENAS	SGT, ARMY	DEDEDO
16	CRUZ, EDWARD CRUZ	EN2, NAVY	INARAJAN
17	CRUZ, ENRIQUE SALAS	SSG, ARMY	SANTA RITA
18	CRUZ, JOSEPH AGUIGUI	PFC, MARINES	MERIZO
19	CRUZ, JOSEPH WILLIAM	SP4, ARMY	AGANA
20			HEIGHTS
21	CRUZ, PEDRO AFLAGUE	SSG, ARMY	AGANA
22	CUASITO, RONALD PEREZ	PFC, MARINES	TAMUNING
23	DAMIAN, ALLAN JAMES	LCPL, MARINES	AGANA
24	DE LEON, HERMAN BORJA	PFC, ARMY	AGANA
25	DELA-CRUZ, FREDERICO V	CPL, ARMY	AGANA

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3	DOYLE, ALBERT BARCINAS	SGT, RMY	MERIZO
4	DUENAS, JOSE BAMBA	SSG, ARMY	TOTO
5	DUENAS, JUAN LEON GUERRERO	SSGT, ARMY	
6	EAY, RUDY EDEJER	CPL, ARMY	TAMUNING
7	ESCANO, JUANITO MAIQUEZ	SGT, ARMY	AGANA
8	ESPINOSA, VICENTE T	SGT, MARINES	MERIZO
9	ESTEVES, FERNANDO BARCINAS	SGT, ARMY	MERIZO
10	EUSTAQUIO, JOSEPH MARTIN	SGT, ARMY	YONA
11	FINNEY, HAROLD JAMES JR	SP4, ARMY	ASAN
12	FLORES, BENNY SAN NICOLAS	SGT, ARMY	MERIZO
13	FLORES, DAVID CRUZ	SP4, ARMY	AGANA
14	FUNES, DAVID JOHN	SGT, ARMY	BARRIGADA
15	GORTON, DAVID ATOIGUE	SP4, ARMY	TALOFOTO
16	GUERRERO, PEDRO ROSARIO	SSG, ARMY	BARRIGADA
17	GUERRERO, VINCENT FEJA	CPL, ARMY	SINAJANA
18	HERRERA, JOSE BABAUTA	PFC, ARMY	AGAT
19	MARIANO, JESUS ROSA	SP4, ARMY	MANGILAO
20	MENDIOLA, ROBERT LG	SP4, ARMY	AGANA
21	MENO, JESUS QUINENE	PFC, ARMY	INARAJAN
22	MENO, GEORGE SABLAN	CAPT	ARMY
23	MENO, ROY FLORES	LCPL, MARINES	
24	MESA, TOMAS REYES	SP4, ARMY	AGAT
25	MOREHAM, VINCENT PINAULA	CPL, ARMY	SINAJANA

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2	NEDED OG, EMILIO NINAISEN	SGT, ARMY	AGAT
3	PANGELINAN, GREGORIO L.	CPL, ARMY	MONGMONG
4	PANGELINAN, PEDRO CABRERA	SSGT, ARMY	AGANA <i>Haga</i>
5	PEREDA, HENRY PANGELINAN	SSGT, ARMY	BARRIGADA
6	PEREZ, JOHN ANTHONY	SP4, ARMY	DEDEDO
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8	QUENGA, JOHN CRUZ	PSGT, ARMY	AGAT
9	QUIDACHAY, JESUS AQUININOG	SP4, ARMY	UMATAC
10	QUINTANILLA, JEFFREY IGLESIAS	CPL, ARMY	
11	RODRIGUEZ, LUCAS HERRERA	PFC, ARMY	AGAT
12	REYES, TOMAS GARCIA	SSGT, ARMY	AGANA
13	RIPPEL, EUGENE RAYMOND	SP4, ARMY	DEDEDO
14	RIVERA, TOMAS SALAS	SP4, ARMY	AGAT
15	SABLAN, ANTONIO QUICHOCHO	SFC, ARMY	YIGO
16	SABLAN, IGNACIO ESPINOSA	LCPL, MARINES	SINAJANA
17	SABLAN, JUAN TENORIO	PFC, ARMY	AGANA
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20	SAN NICOLAS, VICTOR P.	SP4, ARMY	INARAJAN
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22	SANTOS, ENRIQUE ROSARIO	SGT, ARMY	SINAJANA
23	SANTOS, ERNEST PABLO	PFC, ARMY	TALOFOFO
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7 **(e) Signs and Formal Designation of Vietnam Veterans Memorial**
8 **Highway.** *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* together with the Barrigada, Mangilao and
9 Chalan Pago Ordot Mayors, Vice Mayor and respective the Municipal Planning
10 Councils, the Department of Public Works and the Vietnam Veterans
11 Association of Guam shall cause to be erected appropriate nameplates or signs
12 designating Route 10 as the '*Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway*.' Further,
13 at such ceremony as *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* together with the Barrigada,
14 Mangilao and Chalan Pago Ordot Mayors, Vice Mayor and respective the
15 Municipal Planning Councils, and the Vietnam Veterans Association of Guam
16 deem appropriate, said '*Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway*' shall be
17 officially named and plaque(s) bearing the names, pictures and brief history of
18 the Vietnam Veterans of Guam shall be affixed at suitable locations throughout
19 the '*Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway*'."

15 May 2002

The Honorable Mark Forbes
Chairman
Committee on Rules, Government Reform,
Reorganization and Federal Affairs
26th Guam Legislature
Hagatna, Guam 96932

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a matter of introduction, for the record, my name is Joseph F. Mesa and I appear before this Committee as a United States Air Force, Vietnam Veteran, to present favorable testimony in support of Bill No. 322(LS):

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BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS
“THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY””.

Mr. Chairman, I, to this very day, recall, in my high school years, that when you looked up in the sky towards the north west you would see a continuous fly by of B-52's returning from their missions over Vietnam. I can also remember that my parents invited service men who had been wounded in Vietnam and were on our Island recovering from their wounds, to our house on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day for a family dinner – in fact many families did the same thing.

I mention this bit of history of my past because I never thought that I would also one day receive orders to Vietnam. I figure the war would never last that long – but as we all know it lasted too long.

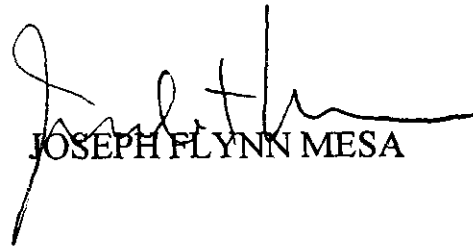
To this very day – I do not believe that the men and women who were placed in harms way have ever properly received the due recognition that they deserved. The Vietnam War is war that many have chosen to ignore – as something that never occurred.

I do know this – that those who were there and those who lost love one's s will never forget the Vietnam War. The memories will last a life time.

And I thank you Mr. Chairman for introducing this important piece of legislation - in renaming Route 10 as "The Vietnam Veterans Highway".

I would Mr. Chairman, like to recommend that the designated sign be placed at the beginning and at the end of Route 10; that the sign that is post be designed in such a way that is befitting to the Vietnam Veterans; and that the requirement for erecting the sign be given a specific deadline, such as ninety or hundred-twenty days from the date of this legislation becoming law. An appropriation should also be included.

Again, thank you Mr. Chairman.



JOSEPH FLYNN MESA

May 15, 2002

Senator Mark Forbes
Chairman
Committee on Rules, General
Governmental Operations, Reorganization
and Reform, and Federal, Foreign, and
General Affairs

Hafa adai,

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill No. 322. We, the undersigned members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Guam Chapter #668, would like to offer our full support for this measure to designate Route 10 as "the Vietnam Veterans Highway". We commend the author of the bill and urge *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to take prompt action and pass the bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America
Guam Chapter #668
(undersigned in attached petition)

**Petition by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Guam Chapter #668
In Support of Bill No. 322**

We, the undersigned, fully support the passage of Bill No. 322:

	Name (Print & Sign)	Village
1	Nicolas (Nick) Francisco N/D	MANGILAO
2	Peter Anon _____	Yigo
3	Juan P. Guillermo Juan P. Guillermo	FREN TAL
4	Thomas W. Vardis Thomas W. Vardis	
5	Silvestre P. Guillermo Silvestre P. Guillermo	FREN TAL
6	J. L. SANCHEZ J. L. SANCHEZ	Yigo
7	JAMES C. MATANAN Francis J. Viteris	MANGILAO
8	ANTONIO C. SANCHEZ JUAN S. FINONA	BARICADA
9	BEA BUREO BEA BUREO	MERIZT MANGILAO
10	LIZBETH FRANCISCO LIZBETH FRANCISCO	Yigo
11	CRIS M. REYES _____	ASAT
12	VICTOR TABLO _____	DIPLO
13	IRINI LEON EVERETT IRINI LEON EVERETT	MANGILAO
14	LOU B. BERGE _____	Manigilao
15	_____	Manigilao
16	Josefa Maria Josefa Maria	Torres Asat
17	_____	
18	_____	
19	_____	
20	_____	



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yan Asunton Fidirát, Taotao Hiyong yan Hinirát

*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gebilu
Kabisiyon Mayurdát*

14 MAY 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Chairman,
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations,
Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign
and General Affairs

SUBJECT: Public Hearing – 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 15, 2002

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs will conduct a Public Hearing beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 in the Public Hearing Room, Temporary Legislature Building in Hagåtña.

The following Bill will be on the Agenda:

* **Bill No. 322- An act to honor the Vietnam Veterans of Guam by designating Route 10 in Barrigada, Mangilao and Chalan Pago as "The Vietnam Veterans Highway".**

I invite all senators to attend and look forward to your input and participation.

Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase.

MARK FORBES
Senator

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*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*

WAIVER OF FISCAL NOTE

In accordance with §9105 Title 2 GCA, I hereby certify that prompt committee action on Bill 322 is necessary to the proper conduct of legislative business. Therefore, I am waiving requirement of a fiscal note on Bill 322.

MARK FORBES

Chairman,
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations,
Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign
and General Affairs



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*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*

17 MAY 2002

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

76-102

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs, to which Bill No. 322, was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 322, as amended**, "AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF GUAM BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS "THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY."

The voting record is as follows:

TO PASS	<u>6</u>
NOT TO PASS	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	<u>0</u>
TO REPORT OUT	<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



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yan Asunton Fidirát, Taotao Hiyong yan Hinirát

*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gebilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*

17 MAY 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Chairman 

SUBJECT: Committee Report- BILL NO. 322, as amended: "An Act To Honor The Vietnam Veterans Of Guam By Designating Route 10 In Barrigada, Mangilao And Chalan Pago As "The Vietnam Veterans Highway."

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 322, as amended, from the Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs.

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Bill No 322, as amended
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Fiscal Note/Fiscal Note Waiver
6. 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.

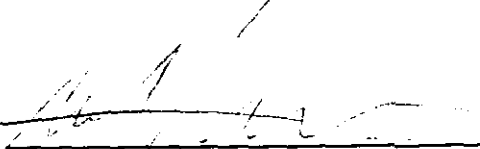
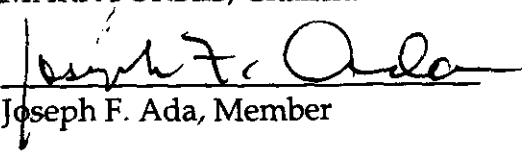
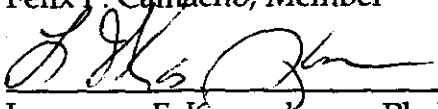
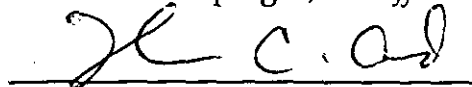


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**Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal,
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I Mina' Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Voting Record

BILL NO. 322, as amended: "An Act To Honor The Vietnam Veterans Of Guam By Designating Route 10 In Barrigada, Mangilao And Chalan Pago As "The Vietnam Veterans Highway."

	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>TO ABSTAIN</u>	<u>INACTIVE FILE</u>	<u>REPORT OUT</u>
 MARK FORBES, Chairman	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
 Joseph F. Ada, Member	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joanne M.S. Brown, Member	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eddie B. Calvo, Member	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Felix P. Camacho, Member	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
 Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph. D., Member	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kaleo S. Moylan, Member	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Antonio R. Unpingco, Ex-Officio Member	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
 Thomas C. Ada, Member	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
 Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Member	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
 Vicente C. Fangelinan, Member	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____

I MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

**COMMITTEE ON RULES, GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL
OPERATIONS, REORGANIZATION AND REFORM, AND
FEDERAL, FOREIGN AND GENERAL AFFAIRS**

SENATOR MARK FORBES, CHAIRMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
BILL NO. 322, AS AMENDED,**

**“AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF GUAM BY
DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND
CHALAN PAGO AS “THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY.”**

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs held a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on May 15, 2002 in the Public Hearing Room, Temporary Legislative Building, I Liheslaturan Guahan. Public notice was provided to the media on Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

Senators present at the public hearing were:

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman
Senator Joseph F. Ada, Member
Senator Joanne Brown, Member
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco, Ex-Officio Member

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The following individuals presented written testimony to the committee and were all supportive of the intent of Bill 322.

Nicolas D. Francisco, Member, The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) #668
Vicente I. Aguon, Mayor, Districts of Chalan Pago and Ordot
James P. Castro

Summaries of the written testimonies:

Nicolas D. Francisco, Member, The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) #668 indicated that he served with the 2nd, 27th Wolfhounds of the 25th Infantry Division, stationed at Cu Chi, Vietnam. He stated this recognition is long overdue and asked the legislature for their favorable support of Bill 322.

Vicente I. Aguon, Mayor, Districts of Chalan Pago and Ordot stated that on behalf of the community which he serves and of his Office, Bill 322 is of favorable support.

James P. Castro submitted a revised version of Bill 322 which he expanded on the recognition and honor of the Vietnam Veterans. He asked that the committee consider his revised version of Bill 322 and make the appropriate amendments.

The following individuals appeared before the committee to present oral testimony and were all supportive of the intent of Bill 322;

Juan S. Finona (President, VVA #668)
Ben Bucao (VVA #668)
Francisco C. Lizama (VVA #668)
Nonito Blas (Mayor of Mangilao, Vietnam Veteran)
Adolfo Sgambelluri (Lt. Colonel, Marine Corps., Ret., NAUS, Vietnam Veteran)
Joseph Mesa, (Executive Director, Guam Legislature and Vietnam Veteran)

Summaries of the oral testimonies:

Juan S. Finona, President, Vietnam Veterans of America #668, briefly stated that this recognition to honor the brave individuals who served in the Vietnam War is long awaited. He urges the legislature to take quick action on the passage of Bill 322.

Ben Bucao, Vietnam Veteran, had indicated that since 1972 when he was discharged from military duty, the proper recognition for the men and women returning from the Vietnam War had not been given by the People of Guam. He stated this recognition is long awaited and urges the legislature to pass Bill 322.

Francisco Lizama, Vietnam Veteran, shared with the committee that he served in the 4th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army between 1968-1969 in Vietnam. He was concerned that the sign not be a memorial, which honors only those who died, instead he asked that the committee ensure that the signage be commemorative of all Vietnam Veterans, alive and deceased. Mr. Lizama suggested that the committee consider amending the bill to further honor the many U.S. military veterans who served in other conflicts, inclusive of the Vietnam War, be celebrated on Liberation Day.

Nonito Blas, Mayor, District of Mangilao and Vietnam Veteran briefly commented that aside from the signage to honor the Vietnam Veterans by designating Route 10 as "The Vietnam Veterans Highway", for the committee to appropriate funding for a statue signifying the Vietnam Conflict or an Emblem signifying the Vietnam Veterans of America to honor the local veterans in a designated area along the highway.

Adolfo Sgambelluri, Lt. Colonel, Marine Corps. Ret., NAUS, briefly spoke before the committee endorsing Bill 322 on behalf of NAUS. He shared that the numbers indicated in Bill 322 do not properly reflect the identity of the armed services of the 6000 men and women from Guam. He stated that the 6000 individuals were not entirely soldiers, but also include individuals from the Marine Corps and other armed branches of the military. He comically questioned if the statue proposed for erection at the designated area of the "The Vietnam Veterans Highway" be a Marine?

Joseph Mesa, Executive Director, Guam Legislature and Vietnam Veteran read his written testimony which he recounted emotional and moving memories of the Vietnam Conflict Escalation and in which he briefly acknowledge the survivor and daughter of Mark Frederick Biagini, the last Chamorro casualty of the Vietnam War, Ms. Michelle Cruz of Santa Rita, whom was present at this public hearing. Among some of his recommendations, he request that a time frame be given to erect the sign to honor the Vietnam Veterans and that an appropriation be included in the legislation for implementation.

A spectator addressed the committee with a comment that the first and last Chamorro casualty in the Vietnam War were of residents of the village of Mangilao and that the designation of the "The Vietnam Veterans Highway" on renaming Route 10 is befitting of this fact.

Questions posed by the Committee:

Q: (Speaker Unpingco) asked if there is a networks of Vietnam Veterans whom can be located and contacted to inform of such recognition of their courageous act in serving military duty in the Vietnam War?

A: Mr. Adolfo Sgambelluri suggested to the Speaker in contacting the Local Guam Veterans Affairs Office for an index of individuals from Guam who had participated in the Vietnam Conflict in which he can get additional information through their office.

Q: (Senator Forbes) asked among the specatators and those who presented testimony if there was any involvement between the local Guam chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Liberation Day Committee in the coordination and planning of the Liberation Day Festivities?

A: Spectators and individuals who presented testimony indicated that there was no involvement.

Comment: Antonio Sanchez, Vietnam Veteran, objected to having the recognition of the Vietnam Veteran's co-mingled in the festivities of the Liberation Day and with veterans not associated with the Vietnam Conflict. He considers this recognition unfair. He stated he would like to see a day set a side just for the recognition and honor of the Vietnam Veterans.

Response: Senator Forbes precociously suggested in order to fully recognized the brave men and women who served in the Vietnam War, the committee will consider amending the bill to provide for a homecoming celebration, with a parade and festivities on the day of the dedication of "The Vietnam Veterans Highway" and to also acknowledge their presence and involvement in the Liberation Day festivities with other Veterans from various conflicts and wars and the Active/Reserve military branches.

The Committee accepts the petition by the Vietnam Veterans of America and their survivors, Guam Chapter #668, In support of Bill 322.

Petitioners;

Nicolas D. Francisco	June P. Guillermo	Tomasa Ignacio
Pilar Finona	Silvestre G. Guillermo	T. C. San Nicolas
James Matanane	Francis J. Valerio	Antonio C. Sanchez
Juan S. Finona	Ben Bucao	Ben Borja
Francisco Lizama	Nonito Blas	Cris M. Reyes
Victor Tablos	Trini Leon Guerrero	Lou B. Borja
Greg Pangelinan	Joseph Mesa	Juan T. Rojas

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs finds that Bill No.322 will provide for the long awaited recognition and honor of the brave individuals who participated in the Vietnam Conflict by designating Route 10 (Barrigada-Mangilao-Chalan Pago) as "The Vietnam Veterans Highway." The Committee further finds that bestowing such recognition on Vietnam War Veterans, a symbol of magnitude should embellish this namesake, and that a homecoming festivities be celebrated on the day of the dedication of the highway for all Vietnam Era Veterans. It is the finding of this committee that all Guam Veterans who proudly served in the Armed Forces of United States of America be honored in a joint celebration on the day commemorating the liberation of our Island of Guam from captive forces in the World War II Era. It is this significant act of giving to preserve freedom and

liberty for all that must be given recognition and a gesture to preserve a historical fact of the trials and bravery of the Veteran Chamorro men and women who served in the Vietnam Conflict and patronage of their families.

Accordingly, the Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs, to which Bill No. 322 was referred does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 322, as amended, "An Act To Honor The Vietnam Veterans Of Guam By Designating Route 10 In Barrigada, Mangilao And Chalan Pago As "The Vietnam Veterans Highway."**



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*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu
Kabistyon Mayurát*

10 MAY 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and
Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

FROM: Chairman
Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and
Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

SUBJECT: Principal Referral - Bill No. 322 (LS)

The above bill is referred to your Committee as the Principal Committee, in accordance with Section 6.04.05.01. of the Standing Rules. Your Committee is the Committee authorized to perform the public hearing on this bill and to amend or substitute the bill, as well as report the bill out to the Body. It is recommended that you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachment



MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 322 (LS)

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes 

Joanne M.S. Brown 

Fru Leon Guerrero 

VCP
Antonio R. Unpingco 



**AN ACT TO HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF
GUAM BY DESIGNATING ROUTE 10 IN
BARRIGADA, MANGILAO AND CHALAN PAGO AS
"THE VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY".**

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

2 **Section 1. Findings.** During the Vietnam War, thousands brave men

3 and women from Guam served their country, and many even gave their lives

4 for their country. There were more than 6,000 soldiers from Guam who

5 served in Vietnam, the highest per capita figure in the nation. Seventy-two of

6 those soldiers died in Vietnam. Despite the lives, the bravery, the dedicated

7 service given by these Vietnam Veterans from Guam, *I Liheslaturan Guahan*

8 finds that the veterans who returned to Guam after the Vietnam War did not

9 receive a welcome befitting of their contribution to their country, that the

10 veterans have not received proper recognition for their service, and that the

11 veterans have not received the honor that is due to them. These are wrongs

12 that are long overdue to be corrected. It is in this spirit that *I Liheslatura*

1 hereby recognizes the immense contributions given by the Vietnam Veterans
2 from Guam and honors those soldiers from Guam who gave their lives during
3 the Vietnam War. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* therefore intends to designate Route
4 10 in Barrigada, Mangilao and Chalan Pago as “The Vietnam Veterans
5 Highway”, as a small token of the appreciation and of the pride that the
6 people of Guam have for their Vietnam Veterans.

7 **Section 2. Designating Route 10 as “The Vietnam Veterans**
8 **Highway”.**Route 10 shall be designated as “The Vietnam Veterans
9 Highway”. The Department of Public Works shall post a sign visible along
10 Route 10 that displays the name of the highway and dedicates the highway to
11 the men and women from Guam who served the United States in the Vietnam
12 War.