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2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-1967
INTRODUCED BY HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZING AND REQUESTING THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO URGE THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO UNIFY THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT WITH GUAM AS A TERRITORY OF THE MARIANAS, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS POLICY IN THE INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, as a result of the conflict attendance upon World War II, the United Nations was born, which organization has one of its primary purposes the self-government and self-determination of the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and to that end, instituted a trusteeship agreement to assure such self-determination to the people under their trust; and

WHEREAS, under Chapter XII, Article 76, sub-paragraph (b), of the Charter of the United Nations, provides that one of the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System shall be: To promote the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the trust territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned, and as may be provided by the terms of each Trusteeship Agreement; and

WHEREAS, under Article 73, Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, it is declared that the Administering Authority is obligated to develop self-government, to take due account of the political aspirations of the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions, according to the particular circumstances of each territory and its people and their varying stages of advancement; and

WHEREAS, the people of Mariana Islands District have determined almost unanimously that they strongly desire to become a part of the United States

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and to be granted United States citizenship, which was evidenced by the plebiscites conducted on the 5th. day of February, 1961, and again in 1963, and recent plebiscite held in the other islands in the Marianas group, and also a petition from this body for an out-right grant of United States citizenship for the inhabitants of the Mariana Islands District, are evidences that our people are desirous to be reintegrated, restored and reinstated back to their former status as one people; and

WHEREAS, with no intention directly or indirectly, or under any other circumstances should be regarded as to imply racial discrimination towards the people of the other islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, unlike the inhabitants of the other districts, the inhabitants of the Marianas group are of Guamanian descent and are entirely similar in culture, in language, in customs, and are compatible in mutual aspirations; and

WHEREAS, we feel that the United States Government is the best government in the world, and we, the people of the Marianas, want to become a full part of that government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United Nations Visiting Mission is respectfully memorialized and requested to urge the Administering Authority to unify the Mariana Islands District with Guam as a Territory of the Marianas, as required under the Doctrine of Human Rights, and in consonance with the objective of the United Nations policy in the International Declaration of Human Rights; and

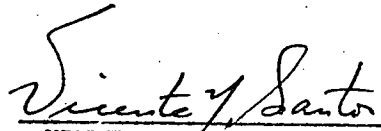
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof, and that a copy be given to the United Nations Visiting Mission, and copies of the same be transmitted to the

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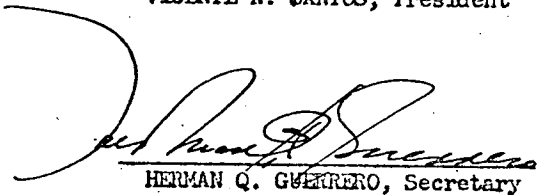
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President of the United States, the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the Secretary of the United States Department of State, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and to the Speaker of the Ninth Guam Legislature.

PASSED BY THE 2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 10, 1967.



VICENTE N. SANTOS, President



HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, Secretary