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INTRODUCED BY: HON. HERMAN M. MANGLONA, TINIAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT THE EXISTING LAND PROBLEMS ON TINIAN ISLAND ARE FULLY AND FINALLY RESOLVED

WHEREAS, a number of people have been granted homestead permits on Tinian and have worked to improve their homestead areas for the required number of years, but are still have not received their certificates of compliance and deeds as required by law; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of people on Tinian who were allowed, since 1968, to go on to public land and to develop those agricultural areas and have done so, but have not been given their necessary homestead permits to effect their titles and cause the issuance of the certificates of compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Territory government has since 1968 stopped the issuance of agricultural homestead permits on Tinian Island and the issuance of village homestead permits has ceased since May 9, 1973, after the unilateral imposition of a moratorium by the Trust Territory government at the request of Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams; and

WHEREAS, more than 53 residents on Tinian have applied for village homesteads and 143 persons have applied for agricultural homesteads on Tinian and these applicants are pending to date and it is feared that these individuals will not receive sympathetic consideration unless their problem is resolved prior to the granting of military land rights on Tinian Islands; and


WHEREAS, despite the assurances given by the United States Delegation to the Marianas Political Status Commission and the Trust Territory Government that these applicants will be processed and updated, it is noted that to date no action whatsoever has been taken by either officials of the land office or Trust Territory officials at Headquarters to effect the issuance of these village and agricultural homesteads; and

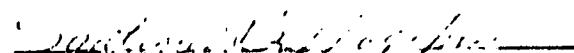
WHEREAS, in order to insure that the people of Tinian will be treated fairly in the resolution of their land problems, there should be no firm agreement with the United States concerning the future political status of the Marianas or the utilization of lands on Tinian for military purposes until the land problems on Tinian are fully and equitably resolved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, that the Marianas Political Status Commission be and it hereby is respectfully requested to ensure that existing land problems on Tinian Island are fully and finally resolved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of this resolution to each member of the Marianas Political Status Commission, the Honorable Franklin Haydn Williams, the Department of the Interior, the Department of State, Department of Defense, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the U.S. Congress, and the District Administrator for the Mariana Islands District.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SEPTEMBER 2, 1974


VICENTE N. SANTOS
President


SANTIAGO B. MACOFUA
Legislative Secretary