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FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 123 1975

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INTRODUCED BY: [HON. SANTIAGO B. MAGOFNA] SAIPAN  
Com of Whole

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE HONORABLE F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, THEIR STAFF, MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THEIR STAFF FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS IN SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1972, the Mariana Islands District Legislature endorsed the proposal for separate negotiations between the Mariana Islands District and the United States of America with the adoption of Resolution No. 1-1972; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1972, the Mariana Islands District Legislature enacted Act No. 2-1972, which established the Mariana Islands District Political Status Commission and empowered it to "establish contacts and discuss the issue of future political status of the Mariana Islands District with appropriate persons and organizations with the United States" and "to conduct discussions and negotiations with the United States government on the future political status of the Mariana Islands District."; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this mandate, the Political Status Commission, that is composed of all segments of the community entered into negotiations

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beginning on December 13, 1972 in Saipan with Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, his delegation and staff; and

WHEREAS, for more than two years of tireless efforts in a discussion with extremely complexed issues and problems, the Covenant leading to the establishment of a Commonwealth government of the Northern Marianas was signed on February 15, 1975 at Saipan; and

WHEREAS, all participants in these deliberations are to be congratulated for their diligent efforts and their resourcefulness and perseverance in resolving the many problems and issues that were raised; and

WHEREAS, we, the elected representatives of the Mariana Islands District, would wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to U. S. Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, his deputy, Mr. James Wilson, members of his delegation and staff, members of the Mariana Islands Political Status Commission and its staff for successfully concluding these difficult negotiations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 4th Mariana Islands District Legislature, Fifth Regular Session, that sincere appreciation be and is hereby expressed to the Honorable F. Haydn Williams, President's personal representative for status negotiations, the United States Delegation, their staff, members of the Marianas Political Status Commission and their staff for their untiring efforts in successfully conducting negotiations for the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Honorable F. Haydn Williams, members of his delegation, and members of the Marianas Political Status Commission.

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