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(RASA ASKS SUPPORTERS TO JOIN MAJORITY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)---CONGRESSMAN OSCAR RASA DECLARED TODAY (JUNE 19) THAT "THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT HAVE INDICATED THEIR WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT AND WE HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WORK TO MAKE THAT GOAL A REALITY."

"THE RESULTS OF THE VOTES CAST ON JUNE 17 SPOKE VERY CLEARLY AND THEY INDICATED WHAT THE MAJORITY OF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE WANT. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED MY POSITION ON THE COVENANT ISSUE, AND I ALSO WISH TO ASK THEIR SUPPORT NOW IN ORDER FOR US TO JOIN THE MAJORITY VIEW AND WORK FOR A BETTER MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH."

"THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL THE MARIANAS RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN A UNITED FRONT AND WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE. LET ME EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT THE TIME FOR PRESENTING DIVERSE POLITICAL OPINIONS IS NOW PAST, AND THAT WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, SHOULD ALL WORK TOGETHER AS ONE PEOPLE FOR ONE COMMON GOAL", RASA CONCLUDED.

(ABSENTEE VOTES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)---A TALLY OF THE ABSENTEE VOTES CAST IN TUESDAY'S (JUNE 17) PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANAS HAS INCREASED THE MAJORITY "YES" VOTE FROM 73.5 PER CENT TO 73.9 PER CENT.

A TOTAL OF 327 ABSENTEE VOTES COUNTED SHOWS 271 IN FAVOR OF THE COVENANT; 56 OPPOSED. THESE VOTES, ADDED TO THE EARLIER COUNT OF TUESDAY'S BALLOTING INDICATE THAT A RECORD 92.9 PER CENT OF THOSE PERSONS WHO HAD REGISTERED, ACTUALLY CAST THEIR BALLOTS.

THE FINAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS DISCLOSE THAT 3,939 PERSONS VOTED "YES", 1,060 VOTED "NO".

THE RESULTS WILL BE CERTIFIED BY PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER ERWIN CANNAM AFTER A SPECIAL FIELD TRIP SHIP RETURNS TO SAIPAN WITH THE SEALED BALLOT BOXES FROM THE NORTHERN ISLANDS SOMETIME THIS WEEKEND.

(STUDENTS GET DEGREES)

PONAPE, JUNE 19 (MNS)---TWENTY-TWO (22) MICRONESIAN STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA ON PONAPE, ACCORDING TO THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE, JOHN F. BIDDLE.

THE STUDENTS ARE: CYNTHIA TAITANO FROM THE MARIANAS; ISABELLA DOKTOR AND LOMISANG NSIRNKUR FROM PALAU; SEVERINA GURWAG AND PHILIP RAIGUWAI FROM YAP; BETRICK LANG, KIKAI MAIE, AND HELENSON LANEAB, ALL FROM THE MARSHALLS; BURNIS DANIS, ALANSON FRED, MERIDA HARIDOZ, CURTIS HAYSECK, MARK HENRY, ESETONG KIMIUG, AURELIO SAUDER, AND HELBERT SEILO, ALL FROM TRUK; AND BANNER DANIEL, BENSNER ETSE, BENIKIO FRANK, PAULINO LAMBERT, ALMA LEBELN, AND HERTON WONGKEYA, ALL FROM PONAPE.

THE STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES IN SPECIAL CEREMONIES HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.