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A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the United States Senate to approve the Covenant to establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1. WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District, Trust Territory
2. of the Pacific Islands, have long desired a permanent relationship with
3. the United States of America, and through a democratic process have negotiated
4. an agreement known as the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern
5. Mariana Islands; and

6. WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands recently approved
7. the aforesaid Covenant by an overwhelming 78.8% majority in an election
8. conducted under United Nations supervision; and

9. WHEREAS, this enthusiastic response of the citizens of the Northern
10. Mariana Islands is the result of more than three-fourths of a century of
11. contact with the United States through ethnic and family ties with the
12. Territory of Guam, thirty years of experience under United States
13. administration of the Northern Mariana Islands, widespread opportunities for
14. travel and study in the United States by Mariana Islands Citizens and an
15. extensive and objective educational program which informed the people of the
16. consequences of their vote prior to the election; and

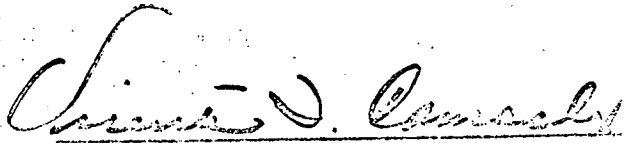
17. WHEREAS, the right of self determination is paramount in the Trusteeship
18. Agreement between the United States and the United Nations; now, therefore,

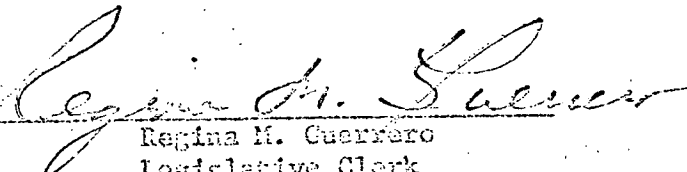
19. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-Fifth Saipan Municipal Council, Third
20. Regular Session, 1975, that the Council hereby respectfully requests the
21. Senate of the United States of America to approve the Covenant to Establish a
22. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

23. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be
24. transmitted to the President of the United States; to the President of the
25. Senate; to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the
26. Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Chairman of the

1. Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; to the President Personal
2. Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiation; to the Secretary of the
3. Interior; to the Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission; to
4. the President of the Mariana Islands District Legislature; to the High
5. Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and to the
6. Congress of Micronesia.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 1971


Vicente T. Canacho
Speaker

ATTESTED: 
Regina M. Guerrero
Legislative Clerk