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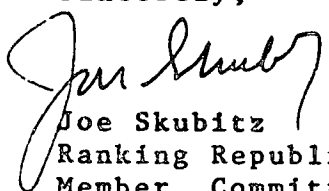
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Dear Friends:

I wish I could be with you at this memorable time for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands. I know you are as happy and proud as we in Congress that our long and difficult work has come to such a successful conclusion.

Please accept this flag as a token of my respect and esteem.

Sincerely,



Joe Skubitz
Ranking Republican
Member, Committee on
Interior and Insular
Affairs