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President Herman T. Guerrero
and All Delegates
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Constitutional Convention
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. President and Honorable Delegates:

As the Second Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention draws to a close, my colleagues and I would like to congratulate each of you on the successful completion of your difficult task. You have tackled a great number of challenging issues in a short period in a straightforward manner. We have witnessed numerous debates and even passionate arguments, but no less should be expected when people of different backgrounds and philosophies come together to decide such important issues. This vigorous exchange of ideas in a public forum evidences the freedom each of us enjoys in a democracy.

We are pleased to have assisted the delegates with the complex legal issues that have been encountered during the Convention. We believe that even if there had been no recommendations approved, the Convention would have still been productive. The delegates have shown us that they deserve their distinction as leaders in the Commonwealth. The people of the Northern Mariana Islands will profit for many years as a result of bringing together their leaders for this month. You have examined government thoroughly, recognizing practical problems as well as theoretical problems. In probing both its strengths and weaknesses and in inspecting alternative theories, you have educated yourselves as well as the public and have learned to work

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together. For many years, the people of the Commonwealth will benefit from your leadership. For that paramount reason, we praise your hard work and your success.

Very truly yours,



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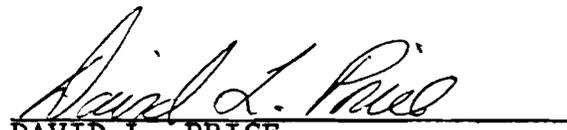
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