The House of Representatives

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE P.O. Box 586

Saipan, MP 96950

JUL. 2 4 1995

Mr. Herman T. Guerrero President Third Constitutional Convention Caller Box 10007 Saipan, MP 96950

Dear President Guerrero:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of House Resolution No. 9-102, entitled, "A House Resolution to request the Third Constitutional Convention delegates to amend Article III, Section 20 of the Commonwealth Constitution in order to protect the use of the retirement fund money from the legislature and executive branch of government by limiting any proposed legislation to only legislation which would not negatively impact the retirement fund.", which was adopted by the House of Representatives of the Ninth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 1995

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OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVES: Pete P. Reyes and Oscar M. Babauta
DATE: June 23, 1995
HOUSE ACTION

ADOPTED: June 23, 1995

Evelyn C. Fleming House Clerk THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 1995

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To request the Third Constitutional Convention delegates to amend Article III, Section 20 of the Commonwealth Constitution in order to protect the use of the retirement fund money from the legislature and executive branch of government by limiting any proposed legislation to only legislation which would not negatively impact the retirement fund.

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Second Constitutional Convention amended Article III of the Constitution by adding Section 20; and

WHEREAS, Section 20 dealt with the Retirement System of the Commonwealth Government; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 6-17 established a mandatory retirement program for the Commonwealth Government; and

WHEREAS, the program was to provide retirement security and other benefits to government employees, their spouses and dependents and to provide for an actuarially sound, locally funded pension plan pursuant to the Agreement of the Special Representative on Future United States Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of Public Law 6-17, there were numerous retirement legislation passed and enacted into law which impacted negatively on the financial viability of the retirement funds; and

WHEREAS, the current liability of the fund and the unfunded accrued liability (benefits that were not funded or granted without contributions) continues to grow to an alarming rate of \$275,267,611; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, Ninth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, that the House respectfully requests the Third Constitutional Convention Delegates to amend Article III, Section 20 of the Commonwealth Constitution in order to protect the use of the retirement fund money from the legislative and executive branch of government by limiting any proposed legislation to only legislation which would not negatively impact the retirement fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House shall certify and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter transmit copies to Mr. Herman T. Guerrero, President, Third Constitutional Convention; Mr. Dino Jones, Chairman, NMI Retirement Fund Board; Members, NMI Retirement Fund Board; and Mr. Edward H. Manglona, Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on June 23, 1995

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

DIEGO T. BENAVENTE Speaker of the House EVELYN C. FLEMING House Clerk