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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT	
Received By	<u>ARR</u>
Time	<u>1:50 pm</u>
Date	<u>6-25-97</u>

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Bill No. 113 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT §61542 OF PART 5 OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE 21 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO POSTING OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS.", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-55**.

This legislation prohibits the placement of campaign signs within 100 feet of a school's entrance. In addition, the legislation contains a number of other changes to the current campaign signs law. The following are some of the changes:

old law

a) deposit of \$100 required.

b) signs have to be 8 feet from the edge of the pavement or in such a way as to not obstruct

c) no sign can be placed on a traffic median strip

new law

a) non refundable permit fee of \$100 required, plus \$200 deposit for a total of \$300.

b) signs have to be 8 feet from the pavement **and** in such a way as to not obstruct.

c) no sign can be placed on a traffic median strip and on a **sidewalk, road, or driveway**.

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO

Date: 6-25-97

Time: 12pm

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Print Name: monique yvette

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| d) signs can be attached to utility poles if they do not create a hindrance to repair or maintenance work, and small paper, plastic, or cloth signs (18" X 24") can be stapled, taped, or glued to utility poles. | d) no signs can be put on any utility pole. |
| e) no sign can be put up more than 180 days before an election. | e) no sign can be put up more than 90 days before an election |
| f) persons who remove, knock down or take down political signs are subject to misdemeanor . | f) provision penalizing persons for removing, knocking down, or taking down signs deleted . |
| g) size of signs is regulated in §61541 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated. | g) upper limit of size of political signs is restricted to 192 square feet. This size does not conform to other size regulations contained in §61541 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, which are different in some instances. |

There are some difficulties presented in the language of the legislation which will need to be clarified in either subsequent legislation or cleared up in rules and regulations. For example:


- 1) The bill uses some definitions, but the definitions are confusing because different language is used in different places. There is a definition of Government **Property** which includes "tangible and real" property. Tangible and Real property includes both **land** and **personal** property. The legislation states that "no political sign may be erected upon, on or within any government **building**, or nailed to any tree or attached to any fence on government **property**."
- 2) The definition of political sign includes "billboards, posters, banners or **displays which advocate** a candidate for political office or any matter to be presented to the electorate for vote." There is no definition for the language "display". This could possibly mean a brochure or other item.

- 3) There is ambiguity in the definition of a government building. Is a government building a building which is owned by the government, leased by the government, a building in which any personal property of the government is placed, or all of the above?
- 4) No signs can be within 100 feet of the **entrance to a school**. The definition of the "entrance to a school", or even "school", are not defined. Is the entrance to a school the doorway, the opening in a fence where a driveway leads to the property, or where? Does "school" apply to every level of school, including the University of Guam and the Guam Community College?
- 5) Signs can be put within 100 feet of the entrance of a school "after 6:00 p.m. on the day before the election date." This does not provide for the placement of signs within 100 feet of the entrance of a school on election day. Additionally, no provision is made for the existence of concurrent legislation on this same subject contained in §9113 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, which states:

"§9113. Electioneering at Polling Place Prohibited. No person shall do any electioneering on election day within one hundred feet (100') of any entrance and/or exist of any polling place. In the case of the use of a school the entrance is defined as the gate to the fence, if the school is fenced."

Although this legislation provides for more restrictions on the use of campaign signs, which will assist in the beautification of our island both for our visitors and residents alike, there remain some difficulties in interpreting the specifics of situations which can be anticipated to arise.

Very truly yours,


Carl T. C. Gutierrez
Governor of Guam

Attachment **00306**

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
 Legislative Secretary

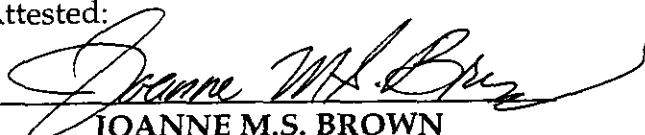
TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

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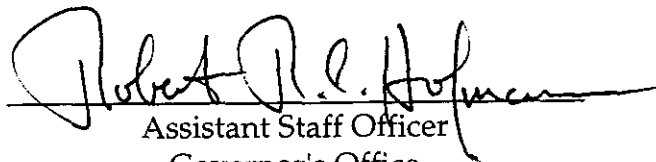
This is to certify that Bill No. 113 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT §61542 OF PART 5 OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE 21 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE POSTING OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS," was on the 7th day of June, 1997, duly and regularly passed.


ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

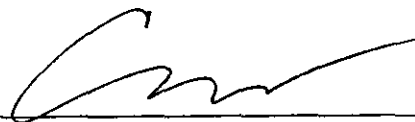
Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 13th day of June, 1997, at
8:10 o'clock A.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

Date: 6-25-97

Public Law No. 24-55

**TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1997 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 113 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Rules,
Government Reform and Federal Affairs, and
as amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

A. C. Lamorena, V
E. Barrett-Anderson
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
A. C. Blaz
J. M.S. Brown
Felix P. Camacho
M. C. Charfauros
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L. F. Kasperbauer
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V. C. Pangelinan
J. C. Salas
A. L.G. Santos
F. E. Santos
A. R. Unpingco
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT §61542 OF
PART 5 OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE
21 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO THE POSTING OF POLITICAL
CAMPAIGN SIGNS.**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** The Guam Legislature
3 finds that the safety of the children of Guam is its highest priority and that
4 practices that may jeopardize this priority should be prohibited. The Guam
5 Legislature further finds that the safety of the children may be comprised by
6 the posting of signs within one hundred (100) feet of a school's entrance.
7 Billboards, signs, posters, banners and other informational postings may
8 obstruct traffic by blocking the view of motorists, including bus drivers,
9 creating an accident laden scenario. The Guam Legislature intends to take a
10 proactive position by prohibiting the posting of billboards, signs, posters,
11 banners and other paraphernalia within one hundred (100) feet of a school's
12 entrance.

13 **Section 2.** Section 61542 of Part 5 of Article 5 of Chapter 61 of Title 21
14 of the Guam Code Annotated is repealed and re-enacted to read:

15 **"Section 61542. Regulation of Political Signs.** Candidates for
16 public office or other persons having an interest in an election may place
17 political signs which advocate voting for or against candidates, or other
18 matters to be considered by the electorate, on government property in
19 accordance with the following provisions

20 **(a) Definitions.**

21 (1) "Candidate" means a person seeking public office.

22 (2) "Government property" means any tangible or real
23 property held by the government of Guam.

24 (3) "Organization" means any political organization or
25 political action group advocating an issue in a special or general

1 election.

2 - (4) "Political sign" means all billboards, posters, banners
3 or displays which advocate a candidate for political office or any
4 matter to be presented to the electorate for vote.

5 (5) "Utility pole" means any pole erected for street
6 lighting, power lines, and cable television lines.

7 (b) **Permit: Fee; Deposit.** Any candidate or organization may
8 apply for a permit to post campaign signs with the Department of Public
9 Works. The Director of Public Works is authorized to charge a non-
10 refundable permit fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and a deposit
11 of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or as increased from time to time by
12 rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Public Works in
13 accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law. Such rules and
14 regulations shall provide for procedures governing approval or rejection
15 of permits, manner and location of posting, maintenance of sign and
16 surrounding area, procedures for notification, removal of signs,
17 forfeiture of deposit of any sign found in violation of this Section, and
18 any other rules or regulations necessary to ensure the safety of the
19 public.

20 (c) **Restrictions on Posting of Political Signs.**

21 (1) No political sign may be erected or posted upon the
22 shoulder of any roadway unless it is eight (8) feet from the paved
23 portion of the roadway and in such a manner that would not
24 impede traffic or a driver's visibility, or erected upon any traffic
25 median strip, sidewalk, road, or driveway.

1 (2) No political sign may be erected upon , on or within
2 any government building, or nailed to any tree or attached to any
3 fence on government property.

4 (3) No political sign may be erected or posted within one
5 hundred (100) feet of any entrance to a public school, or upon any
6 public school property, including school fences and gates, except
7 after 6:00 p.m. on the day before the election date.

8 (4) No political sign may be posted upon any utility pole.

9 (5) No political signs may be posted upon any public park
10 within the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation,
11 the Department of Public Works, or the village Mayors.

12 (6) No political sign may be erected or posted within one
13 hundred (100) feet of any intersection.

14 **(d) Period for Posting of Political Signs.** Political signs shall
15 not be erected any earlier than ninety (90) days before any special or
16 primary election.

17 **(e) Size Restriction.** No political sign may exceed one hundred
18 ninety-two (192) square feet in gross sign surface area. Any sign which
19 exceeds one hundred ninety-two (192) square feet shall be removed
20 immediately by the Department of Public Works, and all sign materials
21 and any deposit made shall be automatically forfeited to the
22 government of Guam.

23 **(f) Maintenance of Political Signs.** It shall be the responsibility
24 of every candidate or organization to maintain their sign in a manner
25 which does not impede the safety of the public, and which complies

1 with applicable rules and regulations as adopted by the Department of
2 Public-Works. Failure of a candidate or any organization to maintain
3 campaign signs shall be grounds for forfeiture of any deposit and all
4 sign materials.

5 (g) **Removal of Signs.** Any sign in violation of any of the
6 provisions of Subsections (c), (d), (e) or (f) shall be removed within
7 forty-eight (48) hours by the candidate or organization after notification
8 by the Department of Public Works or a Mayor of the village in which
9 the sign is located. A sign not removed within forty-eight (48) hours of
10 notification may be removed immediately by the Department of Public
11 Works or the village Mayor. Failure to remove any political sign in
12 violation of this Section shall be grounds for forfeiture of any deposit.
13 Every political sign shall be removed no later than fifteen (15) calendar
14 days after the conclusion of any general or special election. Failure to
15 remove any political sign within fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of
16 any general or special election shall be grounds for forfeiture of any
17 deposit.”



Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.
Chairman, Committee on Education

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May 27, 1997

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker, 24th Guam Legislature
Agana, Guam 96910

Via: Chairman, Committee on Rules

Dear Honorable Speaker:

The Committee on Education to which was referred **Bill No. 61**, "An Act to Add a New §832 to Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Renaming the Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center", wishes to report its findings and recommendations for passage of **Bill No. 61**, as substituted by the Committee on Education.

The voting record is as follows:

To Pass	<u>7</u>
Not To Pass	<u>1</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
To Place In Inactive File	<u>0</u>

Attached are all pertinent documents for your review.


Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.



TWENTY FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

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May 27, 1997

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
From: Chairman
Subject: Voting Sheet - Bill No. 61

Transmitted herewith is the voting sheet and Committee Report on Bill No. 61, as substituted by the Committee on Education, for your review and signature.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.


Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.

Enclosures

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
 155 Hesler Street, Agaña, Guam 96910

CHAIRMAN: Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer
VICE CHAIRMAN: John C. Salas
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

VOTING SHEET

BILL NO. 61
AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §832 TO TITLE 1 OF THE GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE
MICRONESIAN AREA RESEARCH CENTER (MARC) TO THE
RICHARD TAITANO MICRONESIAN AREA RESEARCH
CENTER.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	INITIAL	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer	<u>LK</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator John C. Salas	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Thomas C. Ada	<u>TC</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	<u>Frank Aguon</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Speaker Anthony C. Blaz	<u> </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Felix P. Camacho	<u> </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Eduardo J. Cruz, MD	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Mark Forbes	<u> </u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ange L.G. Santos	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Judith Won Pat-Borja	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D., Chairman

Committee Report on

Bill No. 61 An act to add a new §832 to Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Renaming the Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) to The Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Research Center.

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the Legislative Hearing Room. Public notice was announced in April 08, 1997 issue of the Pacific Daily News.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chair
Senator John C. Salas, Vice Chair
Senator Thomas C. Ada
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
Senator Joanne M.S. Brown
Senator Edwardo J. Cruz
Senator Judith Won Pat-Borja
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco (Ex-Officio Member)

OTHER SENATORS PRESENT:

Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan
Senator Frank P. Camacho
Senator Mark C. Charfauros

WITNESSES PROVIDING TESTIMONY

Mr. Michael F. Bordallo Phillips	Oral / Written
Mrs. Joyce Marie Camacho	Oral / Written
Mr. Norbert Perez	Oral
Dr. Hino Kurashina	Written

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONIES:

1. Mr. Michael F. Bordallo Phillips, testified on his behalf and noted that he was the chairperson for the Democratic Party of Guam from 1991 to 1995. He portrayed the late Senator Richard Flores Taitano as a humble person and justly deserving of the renaming the Micronesia Area Research Center to Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center in his honor, as is the intent of Bill 61. He described him as a small person, but one who stands as a giant among men. He was a historian and knew more about the history of Guam especially about the "crownlandization" of the Chamorro people and about the injustice suffered by our Chamorro people.

He cited that our Chamorro land Trust recipients owe a debt of gratitude to Senator Taitano for his brilliance in defining "Chamorro" under the act.

2. Mrs. Joyce Marie Camacho, Dean of Graduate School & Research, presented oral testimony and also submitted a written testimony from Dr. Hiro Kurashina Ph.D. which was countersigned by the staff and management of MARC. Mrs. Camacho stated that she and all of the staff of MARC met and discussed thoroughly Bill 61 as written. They made the following recommendations:

- a) To correct the word Micronesia to Micnesian as are incorrectly stated throughout the bill. It is the Micnesian Area Research Center (MARC).
- b) To clarify the situation that there are other tenants in the building and they are: The UOG Computer Center, The Center of Continuing Education and the Emeritus Hall.
- c) To change the name plates, signs, new stationeries, business envelopes, business cards, etc. may cost about \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.
- d) To recommend changes in Section (2) (d), line 17, page 2 to read... "research, translation, collection, development, the automation of collections, and publications including Chamorro heritage - related titles."

- e) To recommend another alternative and that is the creation of "The Richard Flores Taitano Endowment for Visiting Scholars."

3. Mr. Norbert Perez, representing the Republic of Guahan, testified in support of Bill 61. He described the late Senator Taitano as a point of light for the island of Guam. The island is building itself to be the center of research similar to the East-West Center in Honolulu. This piece of legislation to rename MARC in his honor is a good start in changing people's attitude.

4. The Chairman, Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, made the following comments:

- a) That he is in the process of drafting legislation to transfer the authority of naming buildings on Univeristy campus to the Board of Regents rather than leaving it into the hands of the legislature. Currently, the Board of Education had been given the authority through legislation in the 15th or 16th Guam Legislature; and
- b) That the University does have a fee schedule in place for naming of buildings and classrooms such as the Ada and Calvo Classrooms, etc.

5. Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan made a statement that since the late Senator Taitano had refused a State Funeral and that he recommended to perhaps such funeral cost can be transferred to MARC for continued research, is an unselfish act or deed for the late Senator to have done and we have decided then to draft this bill in his honor.

6. Speaker Antonio Unpingco, the main sponsor of Bill 61, wanted to clarify the intent of the bill by stating that the renaming is not on the building but only to rename MARC as the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center.

Mrs. Camacho stated that the bill, as written, was confusing because Section 2 line (a) does state the words "the public building" and this made it unclear.

The Speaker promised to make the necessary corrections.

7. Senator Tom Ada commented for the record that Section 2 is not germane to the intent of the bill. The Speaker responded by stating that eleven (11) votes in the Committee on Rules made it germane. The Speaker also made it clear that the purpose for the \$100,000 appropriation is as stated in the section and does not include calling cards, etc. but only for research work.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend passage as substituted by the Committee on Education.



Committee on Education
Tuesday, April 15, 1997
Legislative Public Hearing Room
2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Bill No. 156, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 32 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION (POST)."

Bill No. 61, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 832 TO TITLE 1 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE MICRONESIAN AREA RESEARCH CENTER(MARC) TO THE RICHARD FLORES TAITANO MICRONESIAN RESEARCH CENTER."

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TWENTY FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

2:00 P.M.

WITNESS ATTENDANCE SHEET

BILL NO. 61

	NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	TESTIMONY		AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	COMMENT	
			ORAL	WRITTEN		FOR	AGAINST
1.	Kate Phillips	<i>[Signature]</i>	-	✓	Self	✓	
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April 15, 1997

Honorable Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Senator
Chairperson, Committee on Education
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
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**RE: Bill No. 61
An Act to Rename the Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) to the
Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center**

Buenas!

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony in support of the renaming of the Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center.

While Senator Taitano may have been the most humble of our Chamorro leaders, his extreme humbleness should not deter the rest of us from bestowing upon him the honor he so justly deserves. The renaming of a research center may seem to some to be a relatively small act when compared to the accomplishments of a Chamorro like Senator Taitano. Yet the powerful symbolism and meaning behind this honor truly reflect the life of Dick Taitano; substance over form, quality not quantity.

When our grassroots talk about and describe Senator Taitano we use phrases like, "He was the smartest Chamorro," or "Dick was the most honest leader in our history," or "Sen malate ayu na kabayero." Yet many times, when elected officials speak publicly about a legend like Senator Taitano, they are somewhat shy about using phrases like "the greatest" or "the smartest." Politicians are naturally concerned about offending those who may feel they themselves are "the greatest" or family members who may believe a relative of theirs was "the wisest of them all."

" Erensia, lina'la' espiritu-ta "

Lawrence F. Kasperbauer
Re: Bill No. 61
April 15, 1997
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While honoring Senator Taitano, the person I am most concerned about offending is Dick Taitano himself. Anyone who knew Senator Taitano would also know that he would not want anyone to refer to him as "the wisest" or "the most honest." And I intend to respect his wishes. So while I will not *state* that Senator Taitano was the "wisest of them all," I will *ask* you, "If not Dick Taitano, then who?" And while I will not *state* that Senator Taitano was "the most honest leader in our history," I will *ask* you, "If not Dick Taitano, then who?"

Senator Taitano knew more about the real history of Guam than anyone else. His knowledge of the events between 1898 and the present provided Senator Taitano with a foundation to support the cause of our Chamorro people. He knew the real intent behind our leaders' actions, and he was not shy about exposing those that did not have our best interest at heart.

Senator Taitano was a true Chamorro statesman. As he explained once while cautioning me not to go too easy on our Democratic leaders, "This man has got to sleep with himself." While our highest elected Democratic officials were scolding me because of my public admissions of our shortcomings, Dick Taitano reassured me that I had taken the right steps by saying, "Mike, once you keep quiet about wrongdoing you become vulnerable. You become a player. Do not become a player."

Senator Taitano was a historian with a purpose. He did more than reveal history; Dick Taitano challenged us all to correct the historical injustices suffered by our Chamorro people. Senator Taitano's founding of what he termed "crownlandization" would require years of research and study to cover thoroughly. Continued research and teaching in this area would assist in rectifying the plight our Chamorro people face today. Our Chamorro Land Trust recipients owe a debt of gratitude to Senator Taitano for his brilliance in defining "Chamorro" under the Act.

Coincidentally, Senator Taitano's biggest contribution to the history of our people may exceed and surpass his many individual contributions. Our local students no longer need to rely on Abraham Lincoln as an example of a politician with unblemished integrity. While not taking anything away from "Honest Abe," Senator Taitano clearly stands as our giant among men. Albert Einstein can make a little room in our history books for Dick Taitano. Our children, and their children, will benefit from his teachings. Dick Taitano not only gave us the fish of knowledge, but more importantly, Dick Taitano taught us how to fish for knowledge.

Lawrence F. Kasperbauer
Re: Bill No. 61
April 15, 1997
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I wrote a short statement shortly after Senator Taitano's passing for his memorial booklet. I have included it below as a summary of how the many of us appreciated Senator Taitano, his work, and the principles for which he stood:

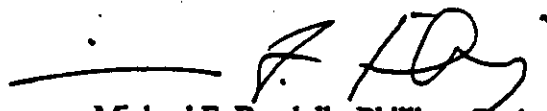
EMPOWERMENT. Just one of the many words that describes Senator Richard F. Taitano.

Senator Taitano represented the cause of the common man, without compromise. More importantly, he organized our grassroots and formed the largest political organization in the history of Guam. The smallest of men received strength from Senator Taitano's efforts, thereby elevating our island's destiny.

For all who sought his advice with sincerity, Senator Taitano shared his brilliance unselfishly. He improved our future through his multitude of professional contributions, unmatched integrity, and unending guidance he extended to our island youth; continuously feeding the flame of a new torch of leadership until every foot of our territory is lit by it; and until a bright NEW DAY for the people of Guam has dawned...

If our Democrats in Heaven need organization, you can rest assured that Richard F. Taitano has just been re-elected Chairperson.

I congratulate the entire Republican majority for introducing and supporting this proposal. I am proud to say that Senator Taitano contributed greatly to my personal, professional and political experiences. Just like Senator Taitano himself, you have contributed to the honoring of Dick Taitano, his family, and his people. While Dick Taitano's *NEW DAY* torch of leadership is heavy, it still burns as bright as ever.


Michael F. Bordallo Phillips, Chairperson
Democratic Party of Guam (1991-1995)

5. A faculty member suggested another alternative. Instead of renaming the building and the existing unit, he suggested the creation of "the Richard Flores Taitano Endowment for Visiting Scholars".

In conclusion, on behalf of everyone at MARC, I thank all the Senators of the 24th Guam Legislature for the continuing interest and support that is extended to MARC. Today, MARC is considered one of the major pillars of the University of Guam and a premier center of intellectual learning in the western Pacific. MARC is celebrating its 30th Anniversary as an entity this year. Indeed, this is a noteworthy situation.

Antonio

Don Rubenstein

Thos K. Lin

Monique Storie

Rosita A. Hatfield

~~John J. ...~~

Virginia G. ...

William ...

R. J. ...

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Loa ...

John ...

Bill No. 61 Received: April 15, 1997
 Amendatory Bill: Yes Date Reviewed: May 22, 1997

Department/Agency Affected: University of Guam
 Department/Agency Head: Dr. Jose T. Nadedog
 Total FY Appropriation to Date: \$25,938,915

Bill Title (preamble): **AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 832 TO TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE MI CENTER (MARC) TO THE RICHARD FLORES TA CENTER.**

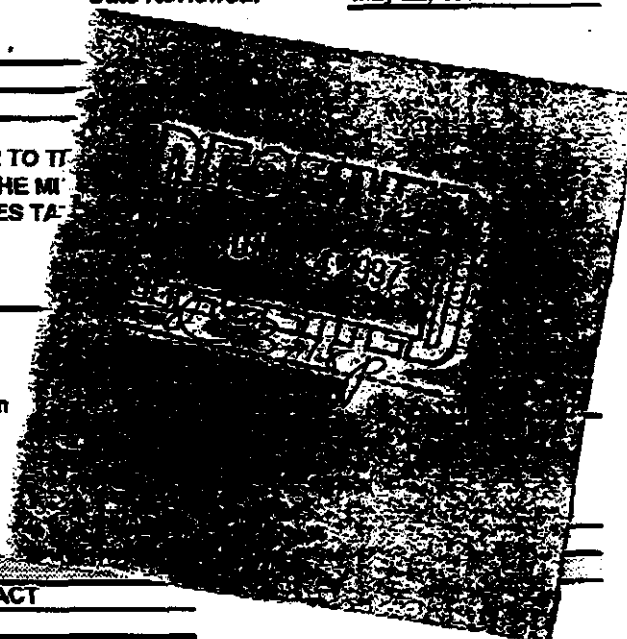
Change in Law: An addition to Title 1 Guam Code Annotated

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

Increase Decrease _____ Reallocation _____

Bill is for:

Operations: Capital Improvement: _____



FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPACT

ESTIMATED SINGLE YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)			
Program Category	General Fund	OTHER	TOTAL
Education	\$100,000		\$100,000

ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)						
FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
GENERAL FUND	NA					
OTHER						
TOTAL	NA					

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? see footnote

IF NO, ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED: NA

AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: University of Guam/ Mark Heath/ 5/22/97

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES (Per Bill)						
FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
GENERAL FUND	NA					
OTHER						
TOTAL	NA					

ANALYST: Jose S. Calvo, BMA Spvr DATE: May 23, 1997
 DIRECTOR: Joseph E. Rivera, Acting DATE: MAY 28 1997

FOOTNOTE:

Per the University, the proposed appropriation will be sufficient to satisfy the intent of the Bill.