



TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL**  
**OPERATIONS**

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**MARISSA R. FLORES**  
CHAIRWOMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-78  
DATE: MAY 31, 2024  
RE: H.B. 23-58

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations to which was referred:

H. B. No. 23-58:

“To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of combat veteran, combat disabled veteran, purple heart, gold star family, & silver star veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes.”

begs leave to report as follows:

**I. RECOMMENDATION:**

After considerable discussion, your Committee recommends that H. B. No. 23-58 be passed by the House in its current form.

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## II. ANALYSIS:

### A. Purpose:

The purpose of House Bill No. 23-58 is to amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of combat veteran, combat disabled veteran, purple heart, gold star family, & silver star veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes.

### B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that military veterans hold a special place in our society. Cognizant of their courageous and dedicated service to our nation, especially during combat, these individuals committed themselves to serving a higher purpose as honorable members of the United States Armed Forces. Further cognizant of such valor, your Committee finds that it would be of commendable significance to amend 9 CMC § 2116 to honor veterans who valiantly served in combat and the family members of those who lost their lives in serving a greater cause. Further, your Committee finds it highly appropriate to implement an indicative symbol on vehicle license plates for combat veterans, combat disabled veterans, purple heart veterans, gold star families, and silver star veterans. Such symbols shall serve as a token of our gratitude and appreciation for their valiant actions.

Your Committee further finds that other United States jurisdictions, such as Texas<sup>1</sup>, Maryland<sup>2</sup>, North Carolina<sup>3</sup>, Florida<sup>4</sup>, and others, issue combat-related license plates to veterans in honor of their military achievements. These specialized license plates indicate a veteran's highest honor upon furnishing appropriate documentation. Furthermore, registration fees are waived or discounted depending on the achievement and/or disability state of the veteran. Your Committee finds that we, like other jurisdictions, should honor these individuals who endured hardship to serve our country, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. These heroes symbolize patriotism and serve as a constant reminder to be grateful for the freedoms we continue to presently enjoy and embrace. Therefore, your Committee agrees with the intent and purpose of House Bill No. 23-58 and recommends its passage in its current form.

### C. Public Comments/Public Hearing:

The Committee received comments from the following:

- Jerad Atalig, Acting Executive Officer, Officer of Veterans Affairs (Written)

The Acting Executive Officer supports the proposed legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/Military\\_Plate\\_Brochure.pdf](https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/body-files/Military_Plate_Brochure.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://mva.maryland.gov/Pages/License-Plates-Military.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.milvets.nc.gov/benefits-services/military-and-veteran-license-plates#IsthereanycostfortheVeteransPlates-207>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/specialtyplates/military\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/specialtyplates/military_brochure.pdf)

- Douglas Hartig, Chief Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender (Email)

The Chief Public Defender supports the proposed legislation.

- Honorable Edward M. Manibusan, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (Written)

The Attorney General has indicated that the proposed legislation is legally sufficient.

D. Legislative History:

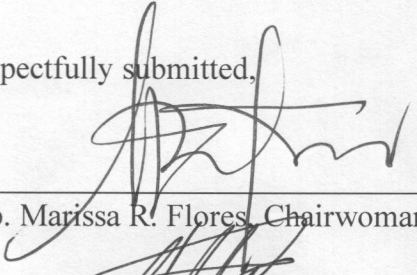
House Bill No. 23-58 was introduced by Representative Angelo A. Camacho on June 20, 2023, to the full body of the House and was referred to the House Standing Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Federal and Foreign Affairs for disposition.

E. Cost Benefit:

The enactment of House Bill No. 23-58 will result in minimal additional costs to the CNMI government in the form of additional design templates and blank license plates. However, the benefits of honoring our respective veterans heavily outweigh the costs.

**III. CONCLUSION:**


The Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H. B. NO. 23-58, and recommends its passage in its current form.

Respectfully submitted,  


Rep. Marissa R. Flores, Chairwoman

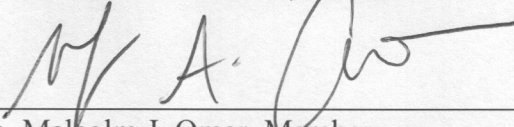
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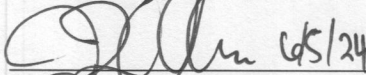
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Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

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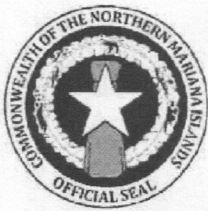


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House Legal Counsel

Attachment:

- Letter dated July 13, 2023, from the Acting Executive Officer of the Office of Veterans Affairs;
- Email dated July 21, 2023, from the Chief Public Defender; and
- Letter dated September 20, 2023, from the Attorney General.



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July 13, 2023

Rep. Marissa R. Flores  
Chairwoman  
House Standing Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

Dear Rep. Marissa Flores,

Thank you for allowing me to comment on H.B. 23-58, which proposes "[t]o amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of combat veteran, combat disabled veteran, purple heart, gold star family, and silver star veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes."

As the Acting Executive Officer of the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs, I wholeheartedly support this bill. I agree with H.B. 23-58 that it is because of the courageous service and sacrifices made by Veterans and their families that our people of the Commonwealth and the rest of the United States can enjoy the freedoms and securities that we have today. Only a small percentage of the CNMI's population can proudly call themselves combat veterans, combat disabled veterans, Purple Heart Veterans, Silver Star veterans, or a Gold Star family, so it is important that our community honors and recognizes their extraordinary contributions in any way we can. A specialized license plate that acknowledges these distinguished individuals is but one simple way to accomplish that.

The CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs supports H.B. 23-58 and looks forward to assisting in the verification process to have these specialized license plates issued to these deserving Veterans and Gold Star families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerad Atala".

Jerad Atala  
Acting Executive Officer  
CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs



Cameron Nicholas &lt;camnicholas05@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Seeking Comments on Proposed Legislation**

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**Jodie Cabrera** <staff.floresm@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 8:49 AM

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Good Morning JGO Members,

See below from Attorney Hartig in response to HB 23-58.

Thank you and have a great day!

Thank you,

Jodie Cabrera

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Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 5:07 PM

Subject: Re: Seeking Comments on Proposed Legislation

To: Jodie Cabrera <staff.floresm@gmail.com>

Dear Jodie,

I support veterans as much as anyone. If they are interested in specialized license plates to commemorate their service in greater detail I do not know of any legal basis for an oposion. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Doug

On Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 4:01 PM Jodie Cabrera <staff.floresm@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Attorney Hartig,

Please see attached letter from Chairwoman Marissa Flores and the House Standing Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations (JGO) seeking comments pertaining to legislation, which I have attached a copy of.

As always, we appreciate any input you may provide.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email and its attachment. Thank you and have a nice day.

Thank you,

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September 20, 2023

OAGHOR: 2023-68  
LSR No. 23-338

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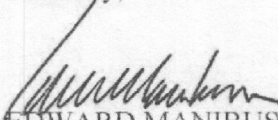
**Re: House Bill No. 23-58 (To issue license plates for combat veteran, combat disabled veteran, purple heart gold star family and silver star veterans)**

Dear Chairwoman Flores:

Thank you for requesting our comments on House Bill No. 23-58. The bill proposes that the Bureau of Motor Vehicle issue license plates for the categories of Combat Veteran, Combat Disabled Veteran, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Gold Star Family.

The bill is legally sufficient. The only comments that I have concern the use of abbreviations and shortened descriptions of a term of art, such as common access card (CAC), and DD214. Perhaps those term should be included in the definitions section. The bill should also identify which offices are federal agencies and which are Commonwealth departments or offices. For example, although it is common knowledge that the Department of Defense is a federal department, it is unclear whether Military and Veterans Affairs Office refers to the Commonwealth agency in charge of veterans affairs or to a federal office.

Sincerely,



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Attorney General

cc: All Members, House of Representatives

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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2023

H. B. 23-58

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of combat veteran, combat disabled veteran, purple heart, gold star family, & silver star veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23<sup>RD</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Commonwealth Legislature finds  
2 that the freedom and security we enjoy today are the direct result of the courageous  
3 service and sacrifices made by our combat veterans, combat disabled veterans,  
4 Purple Heart veterans, Gold Star family, and Silver Star veterans. Recognizing the  
5 need to honor these exceptional individuals, the Legislature acknowledges that  
6 several states across the United States, including Texas, Florida, California,  
7 Virginia, and Ohio, have implemented specialized license plates to pay tribute to  
8 their extraordinary contributions. These license plates serve as a visible symbol of  
9 gratitude and appreciation, underscoring the importance of acknowledging and

1 commemorating the selfless dedication, valor, and sacrifices made by these  
2 distinguished individuals.

3         The Legislature further recognizes that by incorporating combat veterans,  
4 combat disabled veterans, Purple Heart veterans, Gold Star family, and Silver Star  
5 veterans license plates into our legislation, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
6 Mariana Islands can align itself with these statutes and join the nationwide effort to  
7 recognize the exceptional service of our veterans. Through the introduction of  
8 specialized license plates, we aim to demonstrate our unwavering support and deep  
9 appreciation for the selfless men and women who have served our nation in the face  
10 of adversity. Furthermore, the Legislature acknowledges that by offering these  
11 specialized license plates, we provide an avenue for our community to actively  
12 participate in honoring and supporting our veterans. These license plates will serve  
13 as a constant reminder of the valor and sacrifices made by these remarkable  
14 individuals, and they will help promote a greater understanding and appreciation  
15 for their service among our citizens, both young and old.

16         In light of these findings, it is the purpose of this legislation to establish and  
17 authorize the issuance of combat veterans, combat disabled veterans, Purple Heart  
18 veterans, Gold Star family, and Silver Star veterans license plates in the  
19 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Through this initiative, we aim

1 to demonstrate our deep respect and appreciation for the service and sacrifices made  
2 by our veterans while fostering a sense of unity and community support.

3 **Section 2. Amendment.** 9 CMC § 2116 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 **“§ 2116. Veteran or Disabled Veteran, Combat Veteran, Combat**  
6 **Disabled Veteran, Purple Heart Veteran, Gold Star family, and Silver**  
7 **Star Veteran License Plates.**

8 (a) Definition.

9 (1) For purposes of this Act, the term “veteran” means a person who  
10 served  
11 in active duty in the United States military service in the Army, Navy,  
12 Marine Corp, Coast Guard, Air National Guard, or active reserve  
13 component of the Army, Air Force, or Navy, and who was discharged or  
14 released under conditions other than dishonorable.

15 (2) “Disabled Veteran” means a person who served in active duty in the  
16 United States military service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Coast  
17 Guard, Air National Guard, or active reserve component of the Army, Air  
18 Force, or Navy, and who was discharged or released under conditions  
19 other than dishonorable and certified as having at least 10% disability due  
20 to service- related injury.

- 1           (3) "Combat Veteran" means a person who served in active duty in the  
2           United States military service and was deployed to a combat zone during  
3           their service.
- 4           (4) "Combat Disabled Veteran" means a person who served in active duty  
5           in the United States military service and deployed to a combat zone during  
6           their service and certified as having a service-connected disability.
- 7           (5) "Purple Heart Veteran" means a person who received the Purple Heart  
8           medal for wounds sustained in combat while serving the United States  
9           military service.
- 10          (6) "Gold Star Family" means a person who is a parent, inclusive of  
11          mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, and mother through adoption,  
12          father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis,  
13          spouses, siblings, and children of a member of the Armed Forces of the  
14          United States who died while serving our country.
- 15          (7) "Silver Star Veteran" means a person who received the Silver Star  
16          medal for gallantry in action while serving the United States military  
17          service.
- 18          (b) Application.
- 19          (1) In lieu of the license plates contracted on behalf of the Bureau of

1 Motor Vehicles, in order to qualify for a veteran's license or disabled  
2 veteran's license plate the applicant must submit the following along with  
3 the application for vehicle registration:

4 (i) Copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from  
5 the Department of Defense (DD214);

6 ~~(ii) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(1) of this section~~  
7 ~~shall obtain certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office,~~  
8 ~~provided that he/she produces documents, if DD214 is not available,~~  
9 ~~which signifies proof that he/she served in the U.S. military services; or~~  
10 Valid military identification card or Common Access Card (CAC) issued  
11 by the Department of Defense.

12 ~~(iii) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(2) shall obtain~~  
13 ~~certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that~~  
14 ~~he/she produces documents, if DD214 is not available, which signifies~~  
15 ~~proof that he/she has at least 10% disability due to service related injury.~~  
16 Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall  
17 obtain certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office,  
18 provided that he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are  
19 not available, which signifies proof that he/she served in the U.S. military  
20 services;

- 1           (iv) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(2) shall obtain  
2           certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that  
3           he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are not available,  
4           which signifies proof that he/she has at least 10% disability due to service-  
5           related injury;
- 6           (v) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(3) shall obtain  
7           certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that  
8           he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are not available,  
9           which signifies proof of deployment to a combat zone during their service;
- 10          (vi) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(4) shall obtain  
11          certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that  
12          he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are not available,  
13          which signifies proof of deployment to a combat zone during their service  
14          and certification of a service-connected disability;
- 15          (vii) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(5) shall obtain  
16          certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that  
17          he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are not available,  
18          which signifies proof of receiving the Purple Heart medal; (viii)  
19          Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(6) shall obtain  
20          certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that

1        he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are not available,  
2        which signifies proof of being a Gold Star Family;  
3        (ix) Individuals otherwise qualified under subsection (a)(7) shall obtain  
4        certification from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, provided that  
5        he/she produces documents, if DD214 and military I.D. are not available,  
6        which signifies proof of receiving the Silver Star medal.  
7        (2) Disabled veteran's license plates cannot be used to park at disabled  
8        parking spaces. For disabled parking privileges, a veteran must obtain a  
9        person with disabilities placard issued under 9 CMC § 5653.  
10       (c) Color and Design. A veteran or disabled veteran license plate shall be  
11       the same standard size and shape as regular passenger vehicle license  
12       plates with the additional features as follows:  
13       (1) Below the line "Hafa Adai" will be the word "VETERAN",  
14       "DISABLED VETERAN", "COMBAT VETERAN", "DISABLED  
15       COMBAT VETERAN", "PURPLE HEART", "SILVER STAR", and  
16       "GOLD STAR FAMILY" (in black lettering) bordered on the left by the  
17       United States Flag and on the right by the CNMI Flag;  
18       (2) On the next line, centered on the license plate, will be the license plate  
19       number (in blue lettering) in alpha numeric format designating branch of  
20       service and numerical sequence. For example, A001 (Army), NG045  
21       (National Guard), or R610 (Reserves). For a qualified person with a

1           disability, the veteran license plate shall display the International Symbol  
2           of Accessibility in the same size as the letters and numbers on the license  
3           plate.

4           (3) Any additional regulations or design specifications needed to  
5           implement the provisions of this section shall be prescribed by the  
6           Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or his designee.

7           (d) Fee. Veterans who are first-time registrants shall be eligible for a one-  
8           time 25% discount upon their initial registration and subsequent renewal.  
9           Veterans, receiving a 10% disability rating and above, who are first-time  
10          registrants shall be eligible for a one-time 50% discount upon their initial  
11          registration and subsequent renewal. The fee for the issuance of a veteran  
12          or disabled veteran license plate for first time registration and renewal(s)  
13          shall be 25% less than the fee charged for a similar license plate for the  
14          same class of vehicle. Additionally, no fee shall be charged for the  
15          issuance of a veteran or disabled veteran license plate to a veteran rated by  
16          the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at a 100% permanent and total  
17          disability. No fee shall be charged for a 100% permanent and total  
18          disability veteran. The veteran or disabled veteran, combat veteran,  
19          combat disabled veteran, Purple Heart veteran, Gold Star family, and a  
20          Silver Star veteran license plate must be for a non-commercial vehicle  
21          registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for benefits under this



1 applying for benefits under this section. A copy of the decision letter  
 2 issued by the Regional Veterans Affairs Office which indicates approved  
 3 disability rating must be furnished to the Department of Public Safety and  
 4 the Department of Finance in order to waive the veteran or disabled  
 5 veteran license plate fees.

6 (e) Issuance. A veteran or disabled veteran, combat veteran, combat  
 7 disabled veteran, Purple Heart veteran, Gold Star family, and a Silver Star  
 8 veteran license plate shall be issued only to the registered owner or lessee  
 9 of the vehicle on which they are to be displayed.

10 (1) Registration for a veteran or disabled veteran, combat veteran, combat  
 11 disabled veteran, Purple Heart veteran, Gold Star family, and a Silver Star  
 12 veteran license plate shall not be limited to one vehicle per veteran.

13 (2) Veteran or disabled veteran, combat veteran, combat disabled veteran,  
 14 Purple Heart veteran, Gold Star family, and a Silver Star veteran license  
 15 plates issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other  
 16 person, provided that the Commissioner of the Department of Public  
 17 Safety or his designee shall allow the survivor of the qualified person,  
 18 upon request, to retain the front license plate as a memorial.

19 (3) Veteran or disabled veteran, combat veteran, combat disabled veteran,  
 20 Purple Heart veteran, Gold Star family, and a Silver Star veteran license  
 21 plates shall be assigned to non- commercial passenger motor vehicles and

1 non-commercial motorcycles.

2 (f) The Department of Public Safety shall commence planning for the  
3 design and issuance of the veteran and disabled veteran license plates and  
4 shall implement the distribution of veteran and disabled veteran license  
5 plates within 90 days after the effective date of PL 20-37.

6 (g) Special Gold Star Family License Plates. The Bureau of Motor  
7 Vehicles shall, upon application, issue gold star license plates. The type  
8 and style of gold star license plates shall be determined by the Director of  
9 the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Office of Veterans Affairs, except  
10 that a gold star shall appear on one side of the plate. Applicants shall apply  
11 on forms prescribed by the Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and  
12 the applicant's eligibility will be certified by the Office of Veterans  
13 Affairs. The plates shall be re-issued to the original holder of the plates.  
14 The Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles may adopt rules to  
15 implement the provisions of this section. Except for a new or renewed  
16 registration, applications for the issuance of gold star family license plates  
17 shall not exceed the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same  
18 class of vehicle.

19 (h) Eligibility for the Issuance of a Gold Star Family License Plate. Gold  
20 Star Family License Plates shall only be issued to parents, inclusive of  
21 mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, and mother through adoption,

1 father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis,  
2 children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters, half  
3 brothers, and half sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United  
4 States, spouses, widows and widowers.”

5 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of  
6 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court  
7 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its  
8 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
9 shall not be affected thereby.

10 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein  
11 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or  
12 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted  
13 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding  
14 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have  
15 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,  
16 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

17 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by  
18 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

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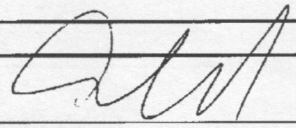
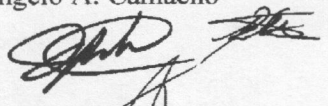
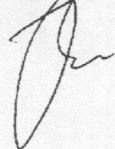
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