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House Resolution No. 13-105

Introduced by: Rep. William S. Torres

Referred to: N/A
Standing Committee Report: None

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Supporting an expanded role of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the national defense and security needs of the United States and its insular territories; and for other purposes.

1 WHEREAS, the passage of **Public Law 13-32, Northern Mariana Islands National Guard**
2 **Act**, clearly indicates that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands does indeed desire to
3 increase its role in supporting the national defense and security needs of the United States of America
4 and the insular territories; and

5 WHEREAS, that many of our citizens are now members of the Commonwealth of the Northern
6 Mariana Islands United States Army Reserve Unit in Saipan (including members of the Junior Reserve
7 Officers Corp (JROTC) program throughout the public schools), and many more are active members of
8 the various branches of the United States Armed Forces is a clear manifestation of the desire by the
9 people in the Northern Marianas to be an active contributor to the national defense and national security
10 needs of the United States of America and the insular territories; and

11 WHEREAS, the increased threat of terrorism throughout the world, especially the potential of
12 terrorism within harm's way to our borders like Indonesia and the Philippines, along with the increased
13 threat of weapons of mass destruction in the case of Iraq and North Korea, clearly indicate a need for
14 all Americans, including those citizens in the Northern Mariana Islands, to do more for the national
15 security needs of our country and the insular territories; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States military has historically played an important role in the socio-
2 political and economic development of the Northern Marianas; and

3 WHEREAS, **House Joint Resolution 13-020** supports President George W. Bush, President of
4 the United States of America, and the people of the United States in the fight against terrorist on the
5 home front and throughout the world stated “the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
6 Island are proud to be counted as citizens of the United States of America and stand ready to support
7 the defense of our nation”; and

8 WHEREAS, the current level of U. S. military presence in our Commonwealth contributes
9 significantly to our economy, and an increased military presence would further support our economic
10 prosperity; and

11 WHEREAS, **House Resolution 13-060** in expressing appreciation to the United States Marines
12 during the Exercise Millennium Edge 2002 states that “the Northern Island of Pagan would make for an
13 ideal environment for the United States military to conduct its training, readiness missions, rest and
14 recuperation activities, etc.” and further stated “that the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern
15 Mariana Islands encourage the U. S. military to make more use of the islands throughout the
16 Commonwealth, especially the Northern Islands for military training and readiness exercises”; and

17 WHEREAS, the **Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs Office Act of 2002, Public Law**
18 **13-34**, states, in part, “The CNMI is capable of making available for military use its land and sea as
19 well as its airspace as its contribution to the Nation’s military and national security needs” and this
20 public law also states, “The Office of Military Liaison and Veteran Affairs shall encourage the use of
21 the Commonwealth, especially the Northern Islands, as a place where the military can conduct its
22 readiness and training exercises” now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Northern Marianas
24 Legislature in Regular Session of 2003, that the House supports efforts where the Commonwealth of
25 the Northern Mariana Islands can further support the national defense and national security efforts of
26 the United States of America and the insular territories; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the financial resources of the Northern Marianas are
28 limited to supporting the US national defense efforts, we are making significant contributions to the
29 defense and security of the country with the passage of the Northern Mariana Islands National Guard

1 Act, and further, that the CNMI would make available its land, sea, and air space not only on Tinian
2 and Saipan, but also in the Northern Islands for U. S. military readiness training; and
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify
4 and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this House Resolution and thereafter the House
5 Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Chairman of the US Armed Services Committees in the
6 House and Senate, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the
7 Honorable Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior, Admiral Patrick Dunn, Commander Marvin Dodge,
8 Admiral Fargo, Okinawa Marine Expeditionary Force, the Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Governor of the
9 Northern Mariana Islands, Mayor of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands, and the Resident
10 Representative to the United States.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on February 7, 2003

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK