

Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ Regular Session, 2011

H. Res. 17-40

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Requesting the Department of Public Lands to negotiate the compensation or land exchange for the taking of private property located near Sugar Dock in Susupe, Saipan for public purposes.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Sugar Dock is a popular recreation spot with
2 environmental and social significance to the people of the Commonwealth; and

3 **WHEREAS**, because of its serene surroundings and azure waters, locals
4 and tourists alike frequent this area for relaxation and recreation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Sugar Dock is also a historical site and is listed as part of
6 the Invasion Beaches that stretch from Agingan Point to Quartermaster Road on
7 the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and Landmarks because of its
8 significance in both Commonwealth and American history; and

9 **WHEREAS**, plans to further develop this area to compliment its frequent
10 usage have been hindered by the Coastal Resource Management's requirement of
11 establishing an adequate parking facility to ensure that the area's visitors are
12 properly parking their vehicles and ensuring the preservation of the flora and
13 fauna of the area, not to mention the sandy beach itself; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of such parking facility will also benefit
15 the many commercial and non-commercial fishermen utilizing Sugar Dock as

1 their boat launching area, more than ever with the many local fishermen who fish
2 as a means to provide for their families during these harsh economic times; and

3 **WHEREAS**, with its proximity to the southern part of Saipan, Sugar
4 Dock's improvement will also enhance search and rescue operations on the
5 southern side of Saipan as it will allow boating safety officials to situate rescue
6 operation equipment within the locale for immediate launching; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there is a lack of adequate public land available within the
8 Sugar Dock area to establish such a parking facility to meet the Coastal Resource
9 Management's requirement; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there are two suitable parcels of private land located near
11 Sugar Dock, specifically Lot No. 004 H 19 containing an area of 1,072 square
12 meters and Lot No. 004 H 10 containing an area of 1,800 square meters, which
13 will sufficiently accommodate the needed parking facility; and

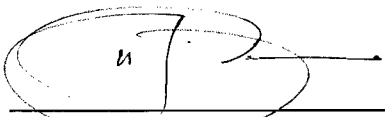
14 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the many residents and tourists of
15 Saipan for the Department of Public Lands to enter into negotiations for the
16 compensation or land exchange for the taking of these two parcels of private
17 property located near Sugar Dock in Susupe, Saipan for public purposes;

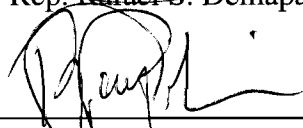
18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
19 Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
20 Legislature that the House hereby requests the Department of Public Lands to
21 negotiate the compensation or land exchange for the taking of private property
22 located near Sugar Dock in Susupe, Saipan for public purposes; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of
3 this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to
4 Mr. Oscar M. Babauta, Secretary, Department of Public Lands; the Honorable
5 Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
6 Honorable Donald G. Flores, Mayor of Saipan; and to the Honorable Paul A.
7 Manglona, Senate President, Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
8 Legislature.

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Date: 3/15/11

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