

Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2011

H. Res. 17-71

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the CNMI National Baseball Team in their triumphant gold medal victory at the 2011 Pacific Games and for representing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the 14<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games with great honor and distinction.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Games (formerly known as the South Pacific Games) is  
2 a multi-sport event, much like the Olympics (albeit on a much smaller scale), with  
3 participation exclusively from countries around the South Pacific; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the idea of holding the South Pacific Games originated with Dr.  
5 A.H. Sahu Khan who was one of Fiji's representatives at a meeting of the South Pacific  
6 Commission held at Rabaul, Papua New Guinea in 1959; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the idea was adopted and led to a meeting of nine Territories, held  
8 in Nouméa, New Caledonia during March 1961, which awarded Fiji the honor of hosting  
9 the very first Games; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Games helps athletes of the region to be recognized for  
11 their skills and athletic abilities in friendly competition with their fellow brothers and  
12 sisters of the region; and

13           **WHEREAS**, after months of preparation, the CNMI National Baseball Team  
14 participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games Competition that took place New Caledonia from  
15 August 27<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and

1           **WHEREAS**, six island nations namely: Palau, Guam, Fiji, American Samoa,  
2 New Caledonia, and the CNMI competed in the sport of baseball at the 14th Pacific  
3 Games Competition in New Caledonia; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI National Baseball Team consisted of the following  
5 individuals: Joshua Jones, Juan Maratita, Eric Tenorio, Ian Rogolifoi, Keoni Lizama,  
6 Mike Iguel, Vince Cepeda, Elton Santos, Jesus Iguel, Tyrone Omar, Franco Flores,  
7 Thomas Joab, Jerome Delos Santos, Byron Kaipat, Manny Sablan, and Craig Sanchez;  
8 and

9           **WHEREAS**, the members of the CNMI National Baseball Team exemplified  
10 excellence and poise during competition in the 2011 Pacific Games; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the success of the CNMI National Baseball team would not have  
12 been possible without the help and support of the members of the community, friends,  
13 family, and parents in assisting the team through fundraising efforts; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI National Baseball Team was managed and mentored by  
15 Mr. Tony Rogolifoi, assisted by player coach Craig Sanchez and Saipan Major League  
16 Baseball President Rose Igitol; and

17           **WHEREAS**, through their victory, the CNMI National Baseball Team will serve  
18 as ambassadors for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Region  
19 and abroad;

20           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the House of  
21 Representatives of the Seventeenth Commonwealth Legislature that the House recognizes  
22 and commends the CNMI National Baseball Team in their triumphant gold medal victory

1 at the 2011 Pacific Games and for representing the Commonwealth of the Northern  
2 Mariana Islands in the 14<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games with great honor and distinction; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives of the  
4 Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the House congratulates  
5 the 2011 CNMI National Baseball Team for being the first team to win gold in the sport  
6 of baseball for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands in the Pacific  
7 Games; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the House, hereby  
10 recognizes and honors the CNMI National Baseball Team, manager and coaches, and  
11 parents for their devotion, encouragement and involvement in the athletic excellence for  
12 the Commonwealth; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this  
15 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copies to the members  
16 of the CNMI National Baseball Team and 2011 Pacific Games Gold Medal Winners,  
17 Manager Mr. Tony Rogolifoi, Player Coach Mr. Craig Sanchez, Ms. Rose Igitol, Saipan  
18 Major League President, Honorable Paul A. Manglona, President of the Senate;  
19 Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
20 Islands; and Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States.

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Rep. Rafael S. Demapan

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