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December 26, 2019

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman
Tinian Legislative Delegation
Second Senatorial District
Tinian, MP 96952

Dear Chairman Hofschneider:

I have the honor to transmit for Delegation action S.L.B. No. 21-05, entitled, "To officially rename Kammer Beach in Tinian as "Jones Beach" as a tribute to the life and memory the late Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr., pursuant to Chapter 4, Division 1, Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes." S.L.B. No. 21-05 has met the required provision of 1 CMC §1403 making its third appearance on the 5th Day, Second Regular Session, December 16, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dolores S. Bermudes".

Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments

cc: Delegation Clerk

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**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT FOR
THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To officially rename Kammer Beach in Tinian as “Jones Beach” as a tribute to the life and memory the late Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr., pursuant to Chapter 4, Division 1, Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative
2 Delegation (TALD) finds that the Seventeenth Tinian Municipal Council (TMC) adopted
3 Resolution No. 17TMC-003, entitled “A dedication request to the 21st Tinian &
4 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation to officially name Jones Beach as a tribute to the life
5 and memory of the late Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr.,” on July 17, 2019 at its Fifth Regular
6 Session. Mr. Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr. (Ken Jones) was a U.S. Navy Seabee and a
7 combat veteran of World War II in the Pacific who established various businesses in
8 Guam and the Marianas after the war.

9 The TALD further finds that in the 1960s, Ken Jones established a 7,500-acre
10 cattle ranch known as the “Bar K Ranch” in Tinian. During the Ken Jones era (1960’s
11 and 70’s), there were over 7,000 beef cattle, 1,000 milking cows, along with thousands of
12 hogs, pineapples, and many other crops in Tinian. The meat, produce, and milk products
13 grown on Tinian during this time were mainly shipped to Guam to supply the United
14 States military markets and J&G Payless supermarkets. Time and time again, Tinian has
15 served as the bread basket of the Marianas during the Ken Jones era.

16 The TALD agrees with the intent of TMC Resolution No. 17TMC-003 and finds
17 it proper and fitting to memorialize the life and memory of Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr. for
18 all his contributions to the people and community of Tinian and the Commonwealth of

1 the Northern Mariana Islands as outlined in the TMC resolution. Accordingly, the
2 purpose of this legislation is to officially rename Kammer Beach in Tinian as “Jones
3 Beach” as a tribute to the life and memory the late Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr.

4 **Section 2. Naming of the Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr. Beach Park.** The beach
5 currently known as Kammer Beach in Tinian shall officially be renamed as “Jones
6 Beach”.

7 **Section 3. Dedication.** The Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan shall, in consultation
8 and coordination with the honoree’s family, prepare and carry out an official dedication
9 ceremony befitting the intent and purpose of this legislation. The official dedication shall
10 comport with appropriate official protocols and decorum that signifies the honor and
11 solemnity that is consistent with the intent of 17TMC-003. The Mayor of Tinian &
12 Aguiguan shall implement the dedication within six months following the effective date
13 of this Act.

14 **Section 4. Authorization.** The Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
15 directs and authorizes the Mayor of Tinian to use his official representation allowance to
16 purchase and install a permanent bronze plate bearing the name of “**Jones Beach**”
17 Further, the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan and the Seventeenth Tinian Municipal Council
18 are hereby officially requested to join host a light reception with the Tinian & Aguiguan
19 Legislative Delegation on the date of the dedication ceremony. The Mayor of Tinian &
20 Aguiguan and the Seventeenth Tinian Municipal Council are further authorized to
21 mobilize all other resources necessary to carry out forthwith the intent and purpose of this
22 Act.

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

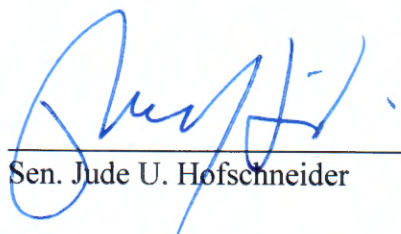
28 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not
29 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under

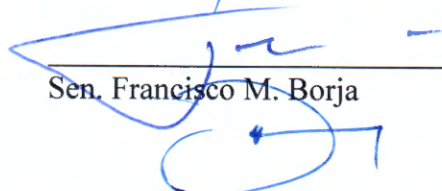
1 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
2 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or
3 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating,
4 or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
5 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

6 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
7 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

Date: 9/26/2019

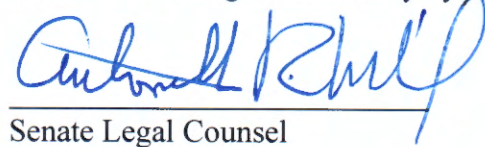
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