

**SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

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**S. R. NO. 17-28**

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**A SENATE RESOLUTION**

To recognize the career of Major General Francis “Frank” J. Wiercinski, former Commander of US Army Japan and I Corps (FWD), the army unit most likely to respond to the Marianas in the event of a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief effort.

1           **WHEREAS**, Major General (MG) Francis “Frank” J. Wiercinski is a native of  
2 Dickson City PA, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon  
3 graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1979; and

4           **WHEREAS**, after attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to  
5 the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. During this four year  
6 assignment, he served as Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, S-1, and as a Rifle  
7 Company Commander; and

8           **WHEREAS**, MG Wiercinski was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger  
9 Regiment, in Ft Benning GA, where he served as the S-1, B Company Commander , and  
10 the Assistant S-03 and deployed in support of Operation Just Cause in Panama. MG  
11 Wiercinski then attended the Command and General Staff College and after graduation  
12 was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) as a Battalion and Brigade S-3,  
13 before serving as the Deputy G-3 for the Division; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 1995 MG Wiercinski attended the Army War College and then  
15 became the Deputy Commander for the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment at Ft. Benning, GA; and

16           **WHEREAS**, MG Wiercinski commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne  
17 Division, deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; and

18           **WHEREAS**, MG Wiercinski was assigned as the Deputy Commanding General  
19 (Support) for the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from July 2005 to June 2006, before deploying in

1 support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) for  
2 Multi-National Division North, from July 2006 to December 2007; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in his post as Commanding General of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps  
4 (FWD), MG Wiercinski visited the islands of Tinian and Rota, meeting the islands  
5 leaders to establish relationships in the event I Corps (Forward) ever deployed to support  
6 the Marianas in the event of a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief effort; and

7 **WHEREAS**, because the element commanded by MG Wiercinski would be most  
8 likely to respond to the Marianas in the event of emergency or disaster, MG Wiercinski  
9 held training in the CNMI rather than Okinawa; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this training provided a vital link between the responders of the U.S.  
11 Army and the CNMI in the event of a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief effort;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, MG Wiercinski's awards and decorations include the Defense  
14 Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as the  
15 Commander of the U.S. Army Japan and I Corp (Forward), and has been honored by the  
16 Emperor of Japan with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star; and

17 **WHEREAS**, MG Wiercinski recently relinquished his post as Commander of the  
18 U.S. Army Japan and I Corp (Forward) to Major General Michael Harrison, Sr. and  
19 remains at Camp Zama, Japan where he awaits a new assignment in Europe; and

20 **WHEREAS**, MG Wiercinski has been married to his wife Jeannine for 30 years;  
21 now; therefore,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas  
23 Commonwealth Legislature, that MG Wiercinski be commended and given our deepest  
24 thanks for his efforts to learn about our islands and our people, to train his staff to best  
25 serve our needs in the event of an emergency or disaster; and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Senate shall certify,  
27 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution, and  
28 thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Benigno R.  
29 Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Major General  
30 Francis J. Wiercinski, U.S. Army, Camp Zama, Japan.

Date: 10-26-10

Introduced By: /s/  
Sen. Pete P. Reyes