

over 2,000 people in uniform, on active duty, which amounts to about three times the national average. The people of Guam are in every branch and in every special operations unit and in every corner of the world today.

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The people of Guam extend their condolences and their support to all of our fellow Americans, and have done so through resolution by the Guam legislature, Resolution Number 125, which I include for the RECORD.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 (LS)

Relative to expressing the shock, repugnance and horror of the People of Guam at the hijacking of American commercial passenger airliners, the terrorist attacks upon the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and extending the condolences, sympathy and prayers of the People of Guam to those injured and the families of those who did not survive these acts of cowardice and inhumanity.

Be it resolved by I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

Whereas, I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (the Twenty-Sixth Guam Legislature) on behalf of the People of Guam, having experienced the horrors of war during the bombing of their island on December 8, 1941 and having experienced the horrors, cruelty and human suffering of war, understand, comprehend and relate to the frightening terror resulting from the murderous attacks upon the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, the People of Guam, though situated more than 10,000 miles from New York and Washington, D.C., through advances in modern communications technology, watched, in horror and disbelief, the events beginning with the first aircraft attack upon the World Trade Center, and have continuously followed all news reports on these tragedies; and

Whereas, the People of Guam, being extremely loyal and patriotic Americans, agree, and are in consonance, with the words of President George W. Bush that these acts have inflamed "a yielding anger" in all Americans; have created a firm resolve that America "will not rest until justice has been achieved"; that "there will be no differentiation between those who committed these acts of inhumanity and those who harbor them" and when identified and captured, justice will be served; and

Whereas, the People of Guam, staunch defenders of liberty, freedom and democracy, do and continue to support the United States of America's policy and philosophy of promoting principles of liberty, freedom and democracy throughout the World for all people; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, condemn the hijacking of American commercial passenger airliners by terrorist forces and the attack and bombing of the New York City World Trade Center Twin Towers and the Pentagon as cowardly acts of war perpetrated upon the United States of America and its People; and be it further

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, wholeheartedly and resolutely support the promise and determination of President George W. Bush to "hunt down and bring to justice" those who plan and perpetrate such acts of war against any freedom loving people and nation, as well as, identification and prosecution of

those who harbor or provide refuge to such perpetrators and mass murderers; and be it further

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, wholeheartedly support President George W. Bush's stern intent and resolve to capture, arrest and prosecute all involved in this breach of peace and violation of human rights, and his declaration of and resolution that the search, capture and prosecution of these mass murderers is a top priority of the United States government and its law enforcement agencies; and be it further

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, extend to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York; the Honorable Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York City; the People of New York City, especially the families of those who were injured or who perished as a result of the cowardly attacks upon the World Trade Center Twin Towers; the People of Washington, D.C., especially the families of those who were injured or who perished as a result of the cowardly attacks upon the Pentagon; and the crash of the hijacked plane in Somers County, Pennsylvania the sympathy, condolences and prayers of all the People of Guam; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify and Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States of America and President of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York; to the Honorable Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York City; to the Honorable Tom Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania; to Mr. Jim Goodwin, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Airlines, Ltd.; to Mr. Donald J. Carty, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Airlines; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T. Gutierrez, I Maga'láhen Guåhan (Governor of Guam).

But at the same time that we stand in solidarity with the rest of America, my home island is also facing the greatest economic challenge that it has faced since World War II when Guam was devastated as the only American territory occupied by an enemy during the entire 20th Century.

Guam's economy is fueled primarily by tourism, most of it from Japan. Even prior to this attack, Guam was experiencing a 15 percent unemployment rate, because our economy is tied so much to Japan's, which was three times the national average. Guam was experiencing a \$40 million shortfall in revenues for the Government of Guam, roughly 10 percent of its entire budget, and for months my office, along with other political leaders on Guam and business leaders, have since tried to figure out various economic strategies of recovery.

But since the attack, the results have even been worse. The economic picture that we face is even worse. Because of international uncertainty and safety concerns, and perhaps a little bit out of deference to a Nation in mourning, many international tourists

have canceled their plans to come to Guam. This is devastating to my home island.

Continental Micronesia, which is the major airline of Guam, has laid off hundreds of workers. Hotels, restaurants and shops are empty; hundreds have been sent home or had their hours cut back dramatically. The ripple effect on ancillary economic activity and on Government of Guam revenues is immediate and dramatic. 25,000 Japanese tourists have canceled their plans to visit Guam this month, and it estimated that there will be a 25 to 30 percent decline in the coming months in the number of tourists from Japan.

The people of Guam are no strangers to tough economic times. Time and time again, the people of Guam have weathered the storm and persevered during economic hardship. Whether it was rebuilding the economy after a Supertyphoon, like Omar in 1992 and Paka in 1997, or an earthquake, like the 8.1 on the Richter scale we experienced in 1993, or following World War II, or the Gulf War, the people of Guam have always fought back, remained patient but determined, and eventually overcame the economic difficulty.

Recovery from the Asian financial crisis, the downsizing of the military following the Cold War, and now the recent terrorist attacks, presents an enormous challenge, in this hour of national crisis, Guam will do its part, as it has done in the past. We support the national effort and lend our assistance and support to all military activities in Guam.

Economic recovery is perhaps the best way to show that this Nation is back to normal. Economic assistance for communities and workers suffering from the decimation of entire industries is one of the best ways, although not the best way, to demonstrate that this Nation's political leadership understands the meaning of the attack nearly 2 weeks ago.

In the coming days and weeks, I will vigorously pursue an economic stimulus plan for Guam and the insular areas. There has been some progress on this, but much work needs to be done. I ask that the U.S. territories not be forgotten as we contemplate economic relief proposals for the entire Nation in the coming weeks and the coming months.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro