

### **Ronald Laguana Testimony: (Given orally in Chamorro but transcribed in English)**

My name is Ronald Tenorio Laguana, familiar Gadde', Labuchu, I am here testifying today (in support of both resolutions) so that let out my feelings for the sake of all my children and their children and their children so that they would not incur the sacrifices that what we are now to incur and in their future. Sinot Aguon who is absolutely correct, he too came here with his message about his children, grandchildren and their future, my message is carried as well in support of these two resolutions. My six grandchildren, more over grandfathers son, Eli who is 8 months, Alex, Liam, Heidi, Beau, and Dakota. They are why I'm here today for one day to which when we are all gone, will not suffer and face this dilemma. I as well stand with my brothers, Mala'et-Bitter (Ben Garrido), Fa'et- Salty (Joe Garrido) Aniti-Devil (Howard Hemsing), si Daddao- Francis Munoz (Meanly aggressive)- Pagat, Offing, Pagat and to all my brothers whom with us here today, I am extremely elated that they are all here today, the Nasion Chamoru. Our faces appear. We weren't called together today, yet we gather here today in solidarity.

I praise you Ms. Terlaje and all of you who are here today, from deep within my heart I praise you all. Just as with the late Ben Pangelinan, who has also fought for our plight in this battle. Same with Sen. Ted Nelson, who is still with us today joining in the fight for this cause ever since I was a child and up till today as he speaks in our native tongue since the past and up till today, I praise him and you all again and again in prayer and with high praise and status. Just as with the others earlier. This is extremely important and I pray for you and all the others who aren't here today. This is the biggest subject matter that we are faced today. We must be resilient and fight this matter to the highest authorities in America, and yes, we may laugh and ridicule my brother Aniti, yet he is absolutely correct. I stand with him.

Such as with the Americans and the federal government, they do not understand our sufferings, our past and our history as far back through Spanish times, Early American period, World War II, and still up till today still under American occupation, we must all take on this matter seriously. We continue to endure the pressure and sufferings of injustices. We must all unite, same goes to everyone out in public, we must all stand up and march in protest and so that I too can sleep well. We must all unite, with our congress woman- Madelleine, our governor, and all the people of Guam. We must come together and unite as one, the entire Chamoru people of Guam. Have mercy on this matter, this is our inherent right, and from our elders and our Lord Jesus Christ, the creator our language is that we speak with the humble words of our ancestors that I say my message.

That is all I have to say to you all! Thank you.