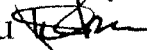




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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 849 TO ARTICLE 1 OF
CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1 OF THE GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF
JOANNA YOSHIOKA JASMIN BY NAMING THE
DEDEDO SKATE PARK THE "JOANNA YOSHIOKA
JASMIN SKATE PARK".

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. Joanna Yoshioka Jasmin
3 lost her life on November 11, 2007 in an unfortunate traffic accident on Marine
4 Corps Drive in Dededo, while crossing the street after spending the evening
5 with her friends at the newly opened Dededo Skate Park. The opening of the
6 Dededo Skate Park had been much anticipated and when it opened, many

1 young people immediately flocked to use the newly built skate ramps. At the
2 time, there were no restroom facilities or small stores to buy drinks and snacks
3 located on the same side of the road as the skate park. As a result, many
4 young people sought to cross Marine Corps Drive to find facilities on the
5 other side. The traffic accident which resulted in the passing of Joanna
6 Yoshioka Jasmin resulted.

7 Joanna Yoshioka Jasmin is remembered by her family and friends as a
8 friendly teenager who was the peacemaker in her circle of friends. She was
9 respectful, and liked to make everyone smile or laugh. She enjoyed listening
10 to music, and had a good sense of humor. She was just beginning her life
11 when it was suddenly cut short.

12 **Section 2. Adding a new § 849 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 1 of**
13 **the Guam Code Annotated, naming Dededo Skate Park the “Joanna**
14 **Yoshioka Jasmin Skate Park.”** A new § 849 is added to Article 1 of
15 Chapter 8 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

16 “§ 849. Joanna Yoshioka Jasmin Skate Park. The Dededo Skate Park,
17 opened in October, 2007 and located off of Marine Corps Drive in Dededo,
18 shall be named the ‘Joanna Yoshioka Jasmin Skate Park’. This designation
19 is in honor of the late Joanna Yoshioka Jasmin, who lost her life as she
20 crossed the road in front of the skate park, after spending the evening
21 using the skate park with her friends. Joanna was an eighth grader at
22 Untalan Middle School, and she lost her life using a facility designed to
23 provide recreation for young people and improve their lives. Her life will
24 serve to remind others that safety and security is paramount in providing a
25 place for young people.

1 The Governor and the Department of Parks and Recreation, in
2 coordination with the Mayor of Dededo, shall provide an appropriate
3 ceremony and signage to be placed at the Dededo Skate Park designated
4 the park as the 'Joanna Yoshioka Jasmin Skate Park.'"

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