

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating Staff Sergeant Gonzalo L. Fernandez for his achievement in winning the national award for "2008 Army National Guard Recruiter of the Year".

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

1 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Gonzalo L. Fernandez was born in 1971, in
2 Torrance, California, to proud parents Richard C. Fernandez and Helen S.
3 Aguon. He has seven (7) brothers and sisters; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1989, Staff Sergeant Fernandez graduated from high
5 school in Oxon Hill, Maryland, and attended Centrallia Community College
6 from 1991-1993. He moved to Guam twelve (12) years ago to be closer to his
7 family; and

8 **WHEREAS**, coming to Guam proved to be a fortunate move for Staff
9 Sergeant Fernandez because it led to his meeting Ms. Francine Saymo, who
10 later became his wife, and they now have four (4) beautiful children: Avery,
11 Lauryn, Evan and Nia; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Fernandez joined the Guam Army National
13 Guard on August 25, 2000, and has proudly served in the military for more
14 than eight (8) years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Fernandez has received numerous awards
16 and commendations, including: the Army Commendation Medal, Army
17 Achievement Medal, Guam Commendation Medal, Global War on Terror
18 Service Medal, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Faithful
19 Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer
20 Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and National
21 Defense Service Medal; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Fernandez has managed to perform his
2 duties with great success resulting in winning recognition as “Guam Recruiter
3 of the Year” for three (3) consecutive years from 2006 to 2008; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Fernandez was recognized as the regional
5 best recruiter of the year, competing against recruiters in Arizona, California,
6 Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah. He made history by being the first Staff
7 Sergeant (E-6) to be named the “2008 Army National Guard Recruiter of the
8 Year”; and

9 **WHEREAS**, receiving this national award is a distinction that singles
10 him out as the best of all National Guard recruiters across the country and the
11 four U.S. territories; and

12 **WHEREAS**, his seventeen (17) consecutive perfect physical training
13 scores and his outstanding service in recruiting has also placed him among
14 Guam’s first-ever Guardsmen to win this distinction. Staff Sergeant
15 Fernandez is also the Nation’s first non-commissioned officer in the grade of
16 E-6 to ever achieve the Nation’s Best Recruiting NCO award; and

17 **WHEREAS**, his recognition as the “Top Recruiting NCO” among all
18 National Guard Recruiters and his exemplary service is indicative of his
19 dedication and commitment as a soldier and a citizen of our island; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, congratulate, commend, and recognize Staff Sergeant
2 Gonzalo L. Fernandez for his hard-work, dedication, and service to his island
3 and his country; and be it further

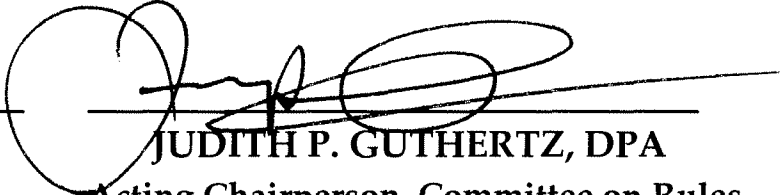
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, recognize Staff Sergeant Fernandez for his accomplishments
7 and for attaining the highest standards of achievement as the nation's "Top
8 Recruiting Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year" for 2008; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
10 Rules of *I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
12 transmitted to Staff Sergeant Gonzalo L. Fernandez; to The Guam Army
13 National Guard Recruiting and Retention Division; to the Honorable Donald
14 Goldhorn, Major General, The Guam Army National Guard; to the Honorable
15 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; and to
16 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

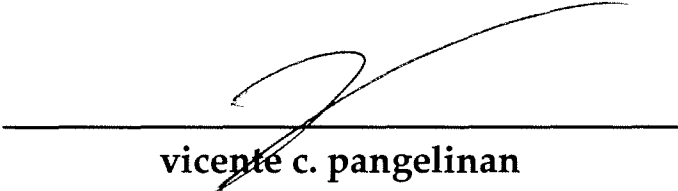
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Acting Legislative Secretary