

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 384-30 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber for his meritorious service to the United States of America and the island of Guam; to extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to John and his family for the outstanding contributions he had made for the betterment of our island community; and to further extending sincere condolences to his family, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber was born on Guam on
4 May 31, 1951, and was called home by our heavenly Father on May 4, 2010, at
5 the age of fifty-nine (59) years. He is the eldest son of the late Martin &
6 Dolores Gerber, residents of the village of *Ordot*. John attended Barrigada Jr.
7 High School and Father Duenas Memorial School. After graduating from
8 George Washington High School in 1969, John enlisted in the United States
9 Marine Corps and served on active duty until 1975. He was a Vietnam
10 Veteran, having served in the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1971; and

11 **WHEREAS**, upon returning to Guam, John made a name for himself as
12 a young disc jockey on the “Wireless Rock Show”, which aired on KUAM, the
13 most popular local radio station at the time. John also was a true
14 entrepreneur, establishing various businesses throughout the island,
15 including a record store in *Agana*, called the “Wireless Rock Music Box”.
16 Shortly after that, he pioneered the “Spam” tours that took local people and
17 off-island visitors on boat charters that showcased Guam’s scenic southern
18 coastal shores; and

19 **WHEREAS**, upon his retirement, John embarked on a personal mission
20 to recognize and support his beloved U.S. Marine Corps. It was during
21 Operation Desert Storm that John was prompted to act in support of the
22 troops headed into harm’s way. Any individual or group associated with the

1 3rd Marine Division, stopping on Guam for a visit and en route to the Middle
2 East for combat deployment, would have been invited to John Gerber's
3 famous BBQ spread at his home in "Metro Ordot". This would include every
4 WWII Marine Corps veterans group organized to visit Guam, Peleliu, and Iwo
5 Jima. They were all honored at John's place. It is estimated that over sixteen
6 thousand (16,000) individuals have been hosted and entertained by John over
7 the course of several years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, John paid tribute to the six thousand (6,000)
9 Marines who were killed in action on Guam during World War II. Once more
10 John honored his Marines by spearheading a petition drive for the Legislature
11 and Governor to rename Marine Drive to Marine Corps Drive, in honor of the
12 Marines who liberated Guam in 1944. He walked over twenty-seven (27)
13 miles, from Andersen Air Force Base in the north to the Navy Base in the
14 South of Guam, pulling a cart he fashioned to display his cause. Each year on
15 July 21st, John would showcase his restored WWII military vehicles as part of
16 the annual Liberation Day Parade on Marine Corps Drive; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, he opened his Pacific War Museum in *Maina*,
18 Guam. This non-profit museum facility was John Gerber's dream. His
19 collection of wartime memorabilia is on display to commemorate the
20 liberation of Guam and those who fought to reclaim it from the Imperial
21 Forces of Japan; and

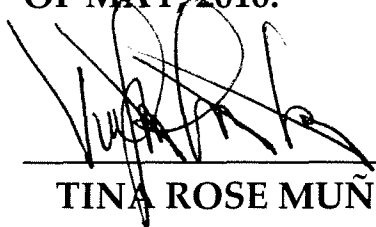
1 **WHEREAS**, the late John Gerber, with every fiber of his being, loved,
2 mentored, protected and cared for his only brother, Martin, and his five (5)
3 sisters: Joyce, Wanda, Debra, Janet and Julie. They will never tire of the
4 countless stories shared of John's life. He is forever our shared hero and a
5 true son of Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, John is survived by his beloved wife, Mela Gomez Gerber,
7 and his four (4) children, Ryan, Christiana, Storm & Rio; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
10 people of Guam, recognize and honor the late John Vincent Pangelinan
11 Gerber for his meritorious service to the United States of America and the
12 Island of Guam; does extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to John
13 and his family for the outstanding contributions he had made for the
14 betterment of our island community; and does further extend to his family its
15 deepest and most sincere condolences; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
17 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
18 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the late John Gerber's wife,
19 Mela Gomez Gerber, and four (4) children: Ryan, Christiana, Storm and Rio;
20 to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
21 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 14TH DAY
OF MAY, 2010.



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary