I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 461-30 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Thomas F. Devlin for his passionate advocacy, active involvement, and staunch support of our island veterans and congratulating him on the Two (2) Year Anniversary of Vet Talk with NewsTalk K57.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

- 2 MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin relocated to Guam in 2004, but in that
- 4 short period of time he has built a solid reputation as a vocal advocate and
- 5 staunch supporter of veteran's rights; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, from 1968 to 1969, Thomas F. Devlin served with the 1st
- 7 Marine Division of the United States Marine Corp in Vietnam where he
- 8 participated with the 1st Marines Division in the Tet Offensive defending the
- 9 City of Hue; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin retired from the United States Marine
- 11 Corp due to wounds he received in combat during the Vietnam War; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin subsequently received a Bachelor of
- 13 Science in Real Estate and Insurance and graduated from the College of
- 14 Traffic Management; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin worked as a Traffic Management
- 16 Advisor for the United Nations in New York City with assignments in various
- 17 countries before retiring after thirty (30) years of loyal service; and
- 18 WHEREAS, shortly after his arrival on island, Thomas F. Devlin joined
- 19 the Guam Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was voted
- 20 Commander in 2006, and in 2007 he was selected as Veteran of the Year for his
- 21 dedication and service to the organization; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin later served as the National Service
- 2 Officer assisting Veterans with filing claims to the Veteran's Affairs Office in
- 3 Honolulu while reporting to The Military Order of the Purple Heart San
- 4 Diego Office; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin volunteers his time in assisting with the
- 6 selection of articles, research, and distribution with The Guam Veteran
- 7 Magazine, a quarterly publication for the Guam Veteran Community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, aside from serving as The Military Order of the Purple
- 9 Heart representative to the Guam Veteran Commission, Thomas F. Devlin
- 10 also serves as a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Fleet
- 11 Reserve Association of Guam; and
- WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin is a founder and volunteer of the Guam
- 13 Chapter of Project Guiding Light, a non-profit veteran advocacy group which
- 14 informs, engages, and lobbies for the rights and equal representation of
- 15 veterans on a wide range of topics and issues; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** Thomas F. Devlin is also the Host of *Vet Talk*, a radio show
- 17 on K57, that offers a much needed platform for the veteran community to
- 18 engage in dialogue and share information that is of interest and uniquely
- 19 significant to veterans; and
- 20 **WHEREAS**, *Vet Talk* recently celebrated its Two (2) Year Anniversary on
- 21 air and has proven to be a reliable source of information and issues defined by

- 1 its diverse listening audience and made popular by its articulate and engaging
- 2 host; and
- WHEREAS, Thomas F. Devlin, has proven to be a respected advocate
- 4 for veterans as exemplified through his efforts to ensure the collective voice of
- 5 the veteran community is not ignored or forgotten but given honor and
- 6 dignity for having served our country and protected our freedoms; now,
- 7 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 commend Thomas F. Devlin, and does extend
- 11 its sincerest *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his passionate advocacy
- 12 and support of our island veterans and for his enduring commitment to the
- many veteran organizations and causes he has supported; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
- 15 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
- 16 the copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Thomas F. Devlin; to Rex
- 17 Sorenson and Ray Gibson of NewsTalk K57; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 18 Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11^{TH} DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

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