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

## Resolution No. 462-30 (COR)

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

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

WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa is a decorated Combat Veteran who has
called Guam home for thirty-five (35) years; and

5 WHEREAS, from 1970 to 1971, Arthur F. Mesa served in Vietnam as a 6 member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of the United Stated Army where he 7 was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Recon Unit working in seven (7) man teams; 8 and

9 WHEREAS, this experience is the basis for his dedication and 10 passionate advocacy for our island's veteran community; and

11 WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa is a founder and volunteer of the Guam 12 Chapter of Project Guiding Light, a non-profit veteran advocacy group, 13 dedicated to informing and assisting veterans on a wide range of issues, 14 including health care, veterans rights and benefits, and national 15 representation; and

WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa believes the Veteran's Cemetery must be a
place that will honor the service of those who are buried there and works
tirelessly to provide support and maintenance to that end; and

WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa, believing that all veterans should be
accounted for, is involved in the process of establishing a census to identify all
veterans on island; and

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WHEREAS, in 2009 and 2010, Arthur F. Mesa was chosen to serve as the 1 2 Master of Ceremony for the Annual Veteran's Day Memorial Program which 3 is held annually to honor all the Veteran's that served our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa is the founder, editor and publisher for Guam's only veteran newspaper, The Guam Veteran Magazine, which is sought 5 6 out by a continually growing and diverse readership, including military 7 officials, our Congresswomen, the Governor and others who have also participated as contributing writers; and 8

9 WHEREAS, in an effort to engage and interact with all island veterans, 10 Arthur F. Mesa, co-founded and produces *Vet Talk*, a radio show on K57, that provides a platform to inform, discuss, and highlight Veteran issues while 11 recognizing the unique experience and camaraderie of the veteran community 12 13 here on island; and

14 WHEREAS, Vet Talk recently celebrated two (2) years on air in large part 15 to the excellent production and contributions made by Arthur F. Mesa; and WHEREAS, in recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the 16 17 veteran community on island, the Rotary Club of *Tumon* Bay Awarded Arthur

18 F. Mesa the Service Above Self Award; and

19 WHEREAS, during his thirty-five (35) years on island, Arthur F. Mesa has proven to be an inspiring leader who has worked tirelessly to ensure 20 21 veterans are informed of their rights and are treated with dignity and respect 22 for having proudly and honorably served our country; and

WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa, married to Marie Mesa, also enjoys riding
 his Harley Davidson, and playing solitaire; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend Arthur F. Mesa, and does extend its sincerest *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his passionate advocacy and support of our island veterans and for his enduring commitment to veterans issues; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
the copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Arthur F. Mesa; to Rex
Sorenson and Ray Gibson of NewsTalk K57; and to the Honorable Felix P.
Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

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