

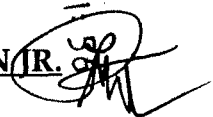
I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON JR.



Relative to commending and congratulating Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao for his new appointment as Flag Officer in the US Navy and recognizing him as the first Chamorro to achieve the prestigious position.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao , a native of Sinajana, Guam , graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Resource Management; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao earned a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport , Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, He is a Surface Warfare who has been deployed extensively to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf and his Division Officer tours were on board USS Bagley (FF 1069) as the First Lieutenant /CIC Officer and USS Worden (CG 18) as the Battery Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, His first shore assignment was to Commander Third Fleet as the Assistant Surface Operations Officer and Surface Systems Analysis Officer. At THIRDFLEET, he was the primary action officer for the planning and execution of Tomahawk Operational Test Launches to include the only open ocean Tomahawk Anti-Ship Missile (TASM) live test shot conducted in the Pacific Fleet ; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao's initial Department Head tour was aboard USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57) as the Combat Systems Officer. While aboard USS REUBEN JAMES, his department was awarded the Spokane Trophy Award for Combat Systems excellence. USS REUBEN

JAMES was also one of two ships that accompanied Commander, Pacific Fleet on an historic port visit to Vladivostok, Russia in 1990 ; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao follow-on Department Head tour was as Combat Systems Officer for Destroyer Squadron THIRTY ONE where he participated in numerous undersea warfare research and development projects both in open-ocean and shallow water toward array operations; and

WHEREAS, During his Executive Officer tour aboard USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54), Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao assumed command while the ship was deployed to the Arabian Gulf ; and

WHEREAS, Following his Executive Officer tour , he served as a Fellow for the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group at the Center for Naval Analysis in Washington D.C. , then served as Congressional Liaison for Surface Programs at the Navy Office of the Legislative Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao commanded the guided missile Destroyer, USS DECATUR (DDG 73), then served as the Current Operations Officer for Commander, Pacific Fleet; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao latest sea tour was as Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTY ONE where he oversaw eight Pearl Harbor Guided Missile Destroyers and Frigates ; and

WHEREAS, He previously served as the Chief of Division for Current Operations for the United States Pacific Command headquarters. He currently serves as Chief of Staff for Naval Surface Forces; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit Awards, four Meritorious Service Medals; four Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and two Battle Efficiency Ribbons. He was also a recipient of the Hawaii Navy League Award and COMNAVSURFPAC Shiphandler of the Year award. He was also the recipient of the first Admiral Zumwalt Award for visionary leadership in 2001; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, congratulate and honor Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao for his

appointment and become the first Chamorro to achieve the prestigious rank of Flag Officer in the US Navy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to US Navy Rear Admiral Peter Aguon Gumataotao; Vice Admiral DC Curtis, Force Commander Naval Surface Force, US Pacific Fleet; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS DAY OF JUNE _____, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary