

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Relative to commending and congratulating First Sergeant (1SG) Gene Cruz Guzman, 1SG for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> of the 294<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in the Guam Army National Guard, on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard after thirty (30) years of military service and to further extend an *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishment and dedication to our island and country.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**  
2 **WHEREAS**, First Sergeant (1SG) Gene Cruz Guzman, was born on 08  
3 September 1949 to the late Gonzalo Mendiola Guzman and Rosario Cruz  
4 Guzman of Maina, Guam, he is married to the former Maria Tenorio Cruz  
5 together their union was blessed with three children, Gene Jr., Jonathan  
6 Guzman, and PFC Therese Guzman and six grandchildren; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, 1Sg Guzman is a 1968 graduate from the Vocational  
8 Technical High School (VO-TECH) in Mangilao, Guam, after high school, he  
9 enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve and was assigned to the 177<sup>th</sup> Replacement  
10 Company, 38<sup>th</sup> Replacement Battalion, APO 96220 from 1968 to 1970; and he  
11 was then assigned to the USAR Control Group from 1970 to 1976; and  
12 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, 1SG Guzman was assigned to Delta Company,  
13 411<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion as a 62 Echo, Heavy-equipment Operator until

1 November 1988. He was later transferred to the USAR Control Group from  
2 1988 to 1989; and

3 *WHEREAS*, 1SG Guzman was employed with the Bank of Hawaii,  
4 Guam as the manager for the Tamuning Branch and had successfully  
5 completed numerous banking courses, one of which was from the Dale  
6 Carnegie Sales Course. After 28 years of dedicated service with the banking  
7 industry, he is presently retired. He is currently a member of the Knights of  
8 Columbus (4<sup>th</sup> Degree – “Sir Knight”) and is also a proactive Catholic with the  
9 Santa Teresita Parish in Mangilao; and

10 *WHEREAS*, 1SG Guzman enlisted in the Guam Army National  
11 Guard on August 21, 1989 and was assigned to an E-5 position in HHC,  
12 1/294<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Light). As a Guam Army National Guardsman, he served in  
13 various positions such as Ammo/Transportation Non-Commissioned Officer  
14 and Mortar NCO. He also provided humanitarian services and assistance  
15 during Natural Disasters (Typhoons); during Flight 801 Korean Airlines crash  
16 on Guam; Non-Commissioned Officer in-charge of the 911 Airport Mission in  
17 2001 for Guam, Tinian and Saipan; Numerous Funeral Honors for our Active,  
18 Guard, Reserve and Retiree Veterans; and was part of the contingency group  
19 who mobilized to provide Humanitarian support to the victims of Hurricane  
20 Katrina in Louisiana; and

21 *WHEREAS*, in 2003, 1SG Guzman was assigned to the GUARNG-  
22 Element, as the Operations Non-Commissioned Officer and worked in the  
23 Joint Operations Center, Joint Force Headquarters with the J3 shop as well as  
24 Funeral Honors Coordinator for the Guam Guard; and

1            *WHEREAS*, 1SG Guzman served two back-to-back deployments to  
2 the Horn of Africa from 2006 to 2008 as the unit 1SG with both Team Charlie  
3 and Team Delta, Guam Guard Soldiers; and

4            *WHEREAS*, upon his return back from deployment, 1SG Guzman  
5 was re-assigned as the HHC, 1-294<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment First Sergeant; and

6            *WHEREAS*, he is a graduate of Basic Training, at Fort Ord,  
7 California, AIT-11 Bravo INFANTRY at Fort Gordon, Georgia; Primary  
8 Leadership Development Course; Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course;  
9 Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course and Emergency Operations  
10 Communication Course; and

11           *WHEREAS*, his military awards and decorations include: the  
12 Meritorious service Medal (1<sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation  
13 Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1<sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf  
14 Cluster), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award),  
15 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
16 Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (3<sup>rd</sup>  
17 Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device (2<sup>nd</sup> Award) w/30 year  
18 service, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2  
19 device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> Award),  
20 Overseas Service Bar, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon  
21 (3 device), Guam Commendation Medal (5<sup>th</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Faithful  
22 Service Medal of Guam (Thirteen), Recruiting Ribbon and the JOINT  
23 MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD; and

24           *WHEREAS*, 1SG Guzman's children followed the exemplary model of  
25 their father, all children enlisted in the Guam Army National Guard, his two

1 sons Gene Jr., and Jonathan are Sergeant's and his daughter Therese is a  
2 Private First Class; now, therefore, be it

3 *RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
4 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate First Sergeant  
5 (1SG) Gene Cruz Guzman, on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam  
6 Army National Guard after thirty (30) years of military service; and be it  
7 further

8 *RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
9 behalf of the people of Guam, further extend an *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os*  
10 *Ma'åse'* to First Sergeant (1SG) Gene Cruz Guzman family for his leadership,  
11 accomplishment and dedication to our island and country as a Non-  
12 Commissioned Officer in the Guam Army National Guard; and be it further

13 *RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee*  
14 *on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,*  
15 *and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to First Sergeant (1SG)*  
16 *Gene Cruz Guzman and his wife Maria Tenorio Cruz Guzman; to his*  
17 *children, SGT Gene Jr. Guzman, SGT Jonathan Guzman, and PFC Therese*  
18 *Guzman; to Major General Donald Goldhorn, Adjutant General, Guam*  
19 *National Guard; to the Honorable Madeleine Bordallo, member of Congress,*  
20 *U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I*  
21 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF AUGUST 2009.**