I MINA' TRENTA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (Second) Regular Session

Resolution No. 462-30 (con)

Introduced by:

T.R. Muña Barnes V J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D

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.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'

- TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa is a decorated Combat Veteran who has called
- 4 Guam home for thirty-five (35) years; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** from 1970 1971, Arthur F. Mesa served in Vietnam as a
- 6 member of the 101st Airborne Division of the United Stated Army where he was
- assigned to the 1st Brigade Recon Unit working in seven (7) man teams; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this experience is the basis for his dedication and passionate
- 9 advocacy for our island's veteran community; and
- WHEREAS, Arthur F. Mesa is a founder and volunteer of the Guam
- 11 Chapter of Project Guiding Light, a non-profit veteran advocacy group, dedicated

to informing and assisting veterans on a wide range of issues, including health care, veterans rights and benefits, and national representation; and

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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

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

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to engage and interact with all island veterans, 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

recognizing the unique experience and camaraderie of the veteran community here on island; and

WHEREAS, Vet Talk recently celebrated two (2) years on air in large part to the excellent production and contributions made by Arthur F. Mesa; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the veteran community on island, the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay awarded Arthur F. Mesa the Service Above Self Award; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-five years on island, Arthur F. Mesa has proven to be an inspiring leader who has worked tirelessly to ensure veterans are informed of their rights and are treated with dignity and respect 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

50	RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
51	Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and the
52	copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Arthur F. Mesa; and to Rex
53	Sorenson and Ray Gibson of NewsTalk K57; and to the Honorable Felix P.
54	Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.
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57	DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA
58	LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010.
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61	JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
62	Speaker Legislative Secretary