I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 140-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating the members of the Guam National Guard, both past and present, on the celebration of its Thirtieth (30^{th}) Year Anniversary of providing exceptional support and service to Guam and the United States; and to further extending a warmhearted Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to all Guam National Guard members for their dedication, commitment and selfless service in the defense of freedom, and in support of the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, the National Guard of the United States is recognized as one of the oldest components of the Armed Forces, and one of the nation's longest-enduring institutions, tracing its roots back to October 7, 1636, during the formation of the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; and

WHEREAS, an equivalent military organization of the island, known as the
Guam Militia, was originally established in 1771, was re-established in 1917, and
fought bravely during the Japanese Invasion of Guam in 1941; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed Public Law 96-600, introduced by the 96th Congress, which officially authorized the local establishment of the Guam National Guard; and at that time Governor Paul M. Calvo served as the first Commander-In-Chief, and General Robert H. Neitz was appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's Command headquarters was officially established with thirty-two (32) charter members; and over the years, the Guam National Guard has grown to nearly one thousand two hundred (1,200) members between both its Army and Air Force components; and

19 WHEREAS, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to support national 20 security objectives, and to this end it has performed admirably over the years, 21 providing valuable national security functions in this part of the world and globally 22 whenever and wherever needed; serving bravely and valiantly in missions and 23 deployments around the world, including recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, Korea, UAE, and the Philippines, in which our Guardsmen and 24 women have repeatedly distinguished themselves as outstanding members of the U.S. 25 26 Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, over the years, members of the Guam National Guard have proven themselves among the most patriotic heroes in our nation, protecting our democratic ideals and the very freedoms we enjoy every single day; in addition, a unique aspect of the Guam National Guard's mission is to protect life and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting the residents of Guam during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives and providing order; and

8 WHEREAS, another of the Guam National Guard's missions is to participate in 9 local, state and national programs that add value to America, with these activities too 10 numerous to name, and which among the most valuable have been those efforts that have helped Guam recover after typhoons, earthquakes and other natural disasters; 11 12 furthermore, these men and women of the Guam National Guard have touched so 13 many lives, and have helped so many families on Guam, and they have protected our 14 island people through the toughest of times, and for this, they must rightfully be 15 honored and appreciated; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 17 18 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the members of the Guam National Guard, both past and present, on the celebration of its Thirty (30th) Year Anniversary 19 of providing outstanding and exceptional service to Guam and the United States; and 20 21 does further extend Un Dångkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the members of the Guam 22 National Guard in appreciation for the numerous contributions they have made to our people, our island and our nation over the years, and for the devoted service and 23 24 courageous protection our Guardsmen and women have provided to our people for the past thirty (30) years; and be it further 25

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1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules 2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of 3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Major General Benny M. Paulino, Adjutant 4 General of the Guam National Guard; to the President of the Family Readiness Group; 5 to the Honorable Paul M. Calvo, former Governor of Guam, and first Commander-In-6 Chief of the Guam National Guard; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I* 7 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. GUTHERTZ, DPA JUDITH P Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules **Speaker ROSE MUÑA BARNES** TINA Legislative Secretary