

**I MINA'TRENTAI KUÂTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
454-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Thomas C. Ada FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Fernando Esteves Telena Cruz Nelson Joe S. San Agustin Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and <i>I Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.	6/5/18 2:30 p.m.	6/8/18 8:00 a.m.	6/7/18 11:12 a.m.					

Resolution No. 454-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

Theresa M. Terfje  
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:**

WHEREAS, during the War in Vietnam, the people of Guam provided over six thousand (6000) of her finest men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the preponderance either were drafted or enlisted in the United States Army. Seventy-seven (77) were killed and many were wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming casualties of the war; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes is from Guam and would be classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, U.S. Army in the Republic of Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) (Posthumously) for his valorous and heroic act at the battle at An Tay, Vietnam, 9 November 1967, by Headquarters, U.S. Army Vietnam, General Orders No. 1150 (March 16, 1968). His citation follows:

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes (ASN: RA-10196244), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Staff Sergeant Reyes distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 9 November 1967 while serving as a squad leader of an infantry company on search and destroy mission near An Tay. The company had moved to a small area of high ground, and Sergeant Reyes' platoon was directed to cross an open rice paddy and secure the hedgerow on the far side. As his squad reached a position ten feet from the hedgerow, intense enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire erupted from well concealed bunkers to the front and flanks. Sergeant Reyes immediately directed his troops to return fire on the hostile forces. Moving from position to position, he fired his weapon and threw grenades at the enemy. He then crawled forward through the withering fusillade to within two feet of a bunker in the hedgerow, fired his weapon on full automatic with one hand and with the other hurled several hand grenades into the position, destroying the bunkers and its occupants. When Sergeant Reyes received the order to break contact and allow supporting fire to be placed on the well-entrenched enemy, he remained exposed to a savage hail of bullets and fought a delaying action as his men withdrew. One of his squad members was wounded, and he crawled returned to the bullet swept rice paddy to rescue his comrade. While others followed him out to recover the casualty, Sergeant Reyes charged forward alone through a curtain of hostile fire. Hurling grenades and firing his weapon, he destroyed a second enemy emplacement. He was mortally wounded while courageously placing the welfare of his fellow soldiers above his own. Staff Sergeant Reyes' extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, in a valiant act of heroism, led his platoon in a search and destroy mission when the unit received intense automatic fire from a well concealed bunkers to the front and flanks. He maneuvered and deployed his unit to deliver suppressive fire against an unknown enemy, size concealed in a well-fortified bunkers and then singularly charged the enemy complex bunkers with hand grenades and automatic weapon killing all its occupants. When one of his men was wounded in an open rice field, he exposed himself to rescue the wounded soldier when he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. Through his extraordinary initiative, outstanding leadership acumen, and inspiring valor above and beyond the call of duty in the face of almost certain death, he saved his comrades from serious injury and possible loss of life, and defeated the enemy. His conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the cost of his life were above and beyond the call of duty and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2017 (Public Law 114-320) directs the Secretary of each military department to conduct a review of the service records of certain eligible veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars who are of Asian American or Native American Pacific Island descent and were previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross. In those cases where the Secretary concerned determines that the service records of those veterans support the award of the Medal of Honor, the NDAA 2017 waives the statutory time limitations for award of the Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Pacific Programs Act 1974 (42 U.S.C. §2992 e(6)) defines Native American Pacific Islander as an individual who is indigenous to a U.S. territory or possession in the Pacific Ocean and includes such individuals who are residing in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Reyes meets the prerequisites in the NDAA 2017 and the Native American Pacific Programs Act for expedited review and consideration for the Medal of Honor award, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Minatrentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam, does further recognize him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam, does further honor him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, and does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes for the Medal of Honor pursuant to the NDAA 2017; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, to the Secretary of the U.S. Army, to all members of the U.S. House of Representative Armed Services Committee and all members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Closo, *I Minatrentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2018.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

THOMAS C. ADA  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

DENNIS RODRIGUEZ, JR.  
Acting Legislative Secretary



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**OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER**

**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

Chairperson of the Committee

On Culture and Justice

*I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
*34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

June 5, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators

FROM: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

SUBJECT: Resolution Presentation

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of **Resolutions No. 450-34 (COR) through 455-34 (COR)**, sponsored by Therese M. Terlaje, Thomas C. Ada, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Fernando Esteves, Telen Cruz Nelson, Joe S. San Agustin and Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

**Resolution No. 450-34 (COR)** “Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Command Sergeant Major Martin Ada Manglona, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 451-34 (COR)** “Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 452-34 (COR)** “Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the

Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 453-35(COR)** “ Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 454-34 (COR)** “ Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 455-34 (COR)** “ Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

DATE: Monday, June 11, 2018  
TIME: 9:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room

CC: Clerks  
MIS  
Sergeant-At-Arms  
Protocol

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 454-34 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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

3           **WHEREAS, during the War in Vietnam, the people of Guam provided over six**  
4 **thousand (6,000) of her finest men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the**

1 preponderance either were drafted or enlisted in the United States Army. Seventy seven  
2 (77) were killed and many were wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming  
3 casualties of the war; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes is from Guam and would be  
5 classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Company A, 1<sup>st</sup>  
6 Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, US Army in the Republic of  
7 Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) (Posthumously) for  
8 his valorous and heroic act at the battle at An Tây, Vietnam, 9 November 1967, by  
9 Headquarters, U.S. Army Vietnam, General Orders No. 1150 (March 16, 1968). His  
10 citation follows:

11           “The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of  
12 Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in  
13 presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Staff Sergeant  
14 Tomas Garcia Reyes (ASN: RA-10106244), United States Army, for  
15 extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict  
16 with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with  
17 Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Staff Sergeant Reyes  
18 distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 9 November 1967  
19 while serving as a squad leader of an infantry company on search and destroy  
20 mission near An Tây. The company had moved to a small area of high ground,  
21 and Sergeant Reyes’ platoon was directed to cross an open rice paddy and secure  
22 the hedgerow on the far side. As his squad reached a position ten feet from the  
23 hedgerow, intense enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire erupted from  
24 well-concealed bunkers to the front and flanks. Sergeant Reyes immediately  
25 directed his troops to return fire on the hostile forces. Moving from position to  
26 position, he fired his weapon and threw grenades at the enemy. He then crawled

1 forward through the withering fusillade to within two feet of a bunker in the  
2 hedgerow, fired his weapon on full automatic with one hand and with the other  
3 hurled several hand grenades into the position, destroying the bunkers and its  
4 occupants. When Sergeant Reyes received the order to break contact and allow  
5 supporting fire to be placed on the well-entrenched enemy, he remained exposed  
6 to a savage hail of bullets and fought a delaying action as his men withdrew. One  
7 of his squad members was wounded, and he gallantly returned to the bullet-swept  
8 rice paddy to rescue his comrade. While others followed him out to recover the  
9 casualty, Sergeant Reyes charged forward alone through a curtain of hostile fire.  
10 Hurling grenades and firing his weapon, he destroyed a second enemy  
11 emplacement. He was mortally wounded while courageously placing the welfare  
12 of his fellow soldiers above his own. Staff Sergeant Reyes' extraordinary heroism  
13 and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military  
14 service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States  
15 Army."

16 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, in a valiant act of heroism, led  
17 his platoon in a search and destroy mission when the unit received intense automatic  
18 fire from a well-concealed bunkers to the front and flanks. He maneuvered and deployed  
19 his unit to deliver suppressive fire against an unknown enemy size concealed in a well-  
20 fortified bunkers and then singularly charged the enemy complex bunkers with hand  
21 grenades and automatic weapon killing all its occupants. When one of his men was  
22 wounded in an open rice field, he exposed himself to rescue the wounded soldier when  
23 he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. Through his extraordinary initiative,  
24 outstanding leadership acumen, and inspiring valor above and beyond the call of duty  
25 in the face of almost certain death, he saved his comrades from serious injury and  
26 possible loss of life, and defeated the enemy. His conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity

1 at the cost of his life were above and beyond the call of duty and upheld the highest  
2 traditions of the United States Army; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2017 (Public  
4 Law 114-328) directs the Secretary of each military department to conduct a review of  
5 the service records of certain eligible veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars who  
6 are of Asian American or Native American Pacific Island descent and were previously  
7 awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross. In  
8 those cases where the Secretary concerned determines that the service records of those  
9 veterans support the award of the Medal of Honor, the NDAA 2017 waives the statutory  
10 time limitations for award of the Medal; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Native American Pacific Programs Act 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 2992  
12 c(6)) defines Native American Pacific Islander as an individual who is indigenous to a  
13 U.S. territory or possession in the Pacific Ocean and includes such individuals while  
14 residing in the U.S.; and


15 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Reyes meets the prerequisites in the NDAA 2017  
16 and the Native American Pacific Programs Act for expedited review and consideration  
17 for the Medal of Honor award; now therefore, be it


18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Kuàttro Na*  
19 *Lihe slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe slaturan Guåhan* and the people  
20 of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Lihe slaturan*  
21 *Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes,  
22 United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; does further recognize him  
23 posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and  
24 unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; does further  
25 honor him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; and



1 does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes  
2 for the Medal of Honor pursuant to the NDAA 2017; and be it further  
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
5 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia  
6 Reyes; to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command; to the Secretary of the U.S.  
7 Army; to all members of the U.S. House of Representative Armed Services Committee  
8 and all members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable  
9 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to  
10 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF JUNE 2018.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

  
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**THOMAS C. ADA**  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.**  
Acting Legislative Secretary

Senator Thomas C. Ada,  
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz,  
Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,  
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**SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR**  
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**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

**Resolution No. 454-34 (COR) –Therese M. Terlaje, Thomas C. Ada, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Fernando Esteves, Telena Cruz Nelson, Joe S. San Agustin, Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. – “Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”**

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member					
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	TMT	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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