

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 90 (COR)**

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**Relative to congratulating and commending Colonel (COL) Diron J. Cruz, Guam Army National Guard, on his promotion, and to expressing *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments, and service to the United States of America and our island community.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, COL Diron J. Cruz, born in Tamuning, Guam, on April 28,**  
4        **1962, is the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) of six (6) children – Anthony Kenneth, Esther Lynn,**

1 Therese Bernadette, Patrick Greg and Connie Marie – born to Mr. Antonio  
2 Babauta and Mrs. Guadalupe Santiago, residents of *Malesso*, Guam; and

3         **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz has two (2) daughters – Lenika (18), who  
4 is attending her first year of college in Los Angeles, California; and Nozomi  
5 (16), who is a junior at Guam High School; and

6         **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz, who is originally from the village of  
7 *Malesso*, attended *Merizo* Elementary School and *Inarajan* Middle School. He  
8 attended high school at Father Duenas Memorial School, where he graduated  
9 in 1980, then went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management  
10 and commission as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery, from the University  
11 of Guam in 1984; and

12         **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz completed the Field Artillery Officers  
13 Basic Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, in 1985, and then served in his first  
14 assignment with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 36<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery in Augsburg, Germany,  
15 from 1985 to 1988, as a Battalion Ammunition Officer, Service Battery  
16 Executive Officer, Howitzer Platoon Leader, and Howitzer Battery Nuclear  
17 Weapons Officer; and

18         **WHEREAS**, in 1988, COL Diron J. Cruz returned to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma,  
19 to complete the Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course, and served his  
20 second assignment, from 1989 to 1993, with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air  
21 Assault), where his duties encompassed being the Targeting Officer for 3<sup>rd</sup>

1 Brigade (Rakkasans), and Battalion Fire Support Officer for 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup>  
2 Infantry during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

3         **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz's tour at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky,  
4 culminated with command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 101<sup>st</sup>  
5 Airborne Division Artillery. From 1993 to 1994, COL Cruz moved to  
6 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he served as Field Artillery Operations  
7 Advisor to the 479<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade; and

8         **WHEREAS**, in late 1994, COL Cruz left the active component Army and  
9 moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked as a territorial sales manager for  
10 International Paper Co. until 1996. In early 1996, COL Diron J. Cruz moved to  
11 Guam, where he then worked as General Manager of Guam Freight  
12 Forwarders; and

13         **WHEREAS**, in early 1999, COL Diron J. Cruz joined the ranks of the  
14 famed Guam Army National Guard. His first assignment was as S-3  
15 Operations Officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 294<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and then was accepted into  
16 the Active Guam/Reserve (AGR) program as State Training Officer and  
17 Domestic Operations Officer. In March 2001, COL Cruz entered the National  
18 Guard Federal AGR Program and served his first tour as Assistant Brigade  
19 Operations Officer, 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii; and

20         **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz served as Current Operations Officer  
21 with Joint Task Force-Civil Support at Ft. Monroe, Virginia, from 2004-2006.  
22 COL Cruz reverted to State Title 32 AGR and returned to the Guam Army

1 National Guard in March 2006, where he served as Director of Military  
2 Support in the J-3 directorate, and then later acquired the reins as the J-3/G-3,  
3 until his selection to his current post as Chief of Staff in November 2008; and

4       **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz’s military education includes the  
5 following courses; Field Artillery Officers Basic at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Field  
6 Artillery Officers Advanced Course and Nuclear Target Acquisition Course,  
7 both at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Combined Arms Services Staff School, Fort  
8 Leavenworth, Kansas; and Command and General Staff Course, also at Fort  
9 Leavenworth, Kansas. COL Cruz has been selected to attend the U.S. Army  
10 War College (non-resident studies), beginning in May 2009, at Carlisle  
11 Barracks, Pennsylvania; and


12       **WHEREAS**, COL Diron J. Cruz’s awards and decorations include: the  
13 Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army  
14 Meritorious Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), the Army Commendation Medal (6<sup>th</sup>  
15 award), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement (4<sup>th</sup>  
16 award), the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and numerous other  
17 awards; and

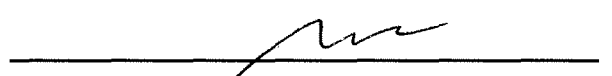
18       **WHEREAS**, in his personal and professional life, COL Diron J. Cruz  
19 constantly stresses integrity and respect for others and serves as a source of  
20 inspiration to his fellow officers, friends, and family, to whom he has always  
21 encouraged personal and professional growth; now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, congratulate and commend Colonel Diron J. Cruz, Guam  
4 Army National Guard, and does express *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for  
5 his leadership, accomplishments, and service to the United States and our  
6 island Community; and be it further

7           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
8 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
9 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Colonel Diron J. Cruz,  
10 Guam Army National Guard; to his parents, Mr. Antonio Bababuta and Mrs.  
11 Guadalupe Santiago Cruz; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
12 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL, 2009.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary