

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating First Sergeant (1SGT) Gene Cruz Guzman, 1SGT for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st of the 294th 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 extending to him *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments and dedication to our island and country.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, First Sergeant (1SGT) Gene Cruz Guzman was born on
4 September 8, 1949 to the late Gonzalo Mendiola Guzman and Rosario Cruz
5 Guzman of *Maina*, Guam; he is married to the former Maria Tenorio Cruz
6 and together their union was blessed with three (3) children: Gene Jr.,
7 Jonathan Guzman and PFC Therese Guzman, and six (6) grandchildren;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, 1SGT Guzman is a 1968 graduate from the Vocational
10 Technical High School (VOC-TECH) in *Mangilao*, Guam; after high school,
11 he enlisted in the Active Army and was assigned with the 2nd of the 32nd
12 Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Division out of Korea from 1968 to 1970; he
13 was later assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve with the 177th Replacement
14 Company, 38th Replacement Battalion, APO 96220, and to the USAR
15 Control, Group from 1970 to 1976; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, 1SGT Guzman was assigned to Delta Company,
17 411th Engineer Battalion as a 62 Echo, Heavy-equipment Operator until
18 November 1988. He was later transferred to the USAR Control Group, from
19 1988 to 1989; and

20 **WHEREAS**, 1SGT Guzman was employed with the Bank of Hawaii,
21 Guam, as the manager for the *Tamuning* Branch and had successfully
22 completed numerous banking courses, one (1) of which was from the Dale
23 Carnegie Sales Course. After twenty-eight (28) years of dedicated service

1 with the banking industry, he is presently retired. He is currently a
2 member of the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree – “Sir Knight”) and is also
3 a active Catholic with the *Santa Teresita* Parish in *Mangilao*; and

4 **WHEREAS**, 1SGT Guzman enlisted in the Guam Army National
5 Guard on August 21, 1989, and was assigned to an E-5 position in HHC,
6 1/294th Infantry (Light). As a Guam Army National Guardsman, he served
7 in various positions, such as Ammo/Transportation Non-Commissioned
8 Officer and Mortar NCO. He also provided humanitarian services and
9 assistance during natural disasters, such as typhoons and in the aftermath
10 of the Flight 801 Korean Airlines crash on Guam; he served as the Non-
11 Commissioned Officer in-charge of the 911 Airport Mission in 2001 for
12 Guam, Tinian and Saipan; he has participated in numerous Funeral Honors
13 for our Active, Guard, Reserve and Retiree Veterans; and he was part of the
14 contingency group who mobilized to provide humanitarian support to the
15 victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, 1SGT Guzman was assigned to the GUARNG-
17 Element, as the Operations Non-Commissioned Officer and worked in the
18 Joint Operations Center, Joint Force Headquarters with the J3 shop, as well
19 as Funeral Honors Coordinator for the Guam Guard; and

20 **WHEREAS**, 1SGT Guzman served two (2) back-to-back deployments
21 to the Horn of Africa, from 2006 to 2008, as the unit 1SGT with both Team
22 Charlie and Team Delta, Guam Guard Soldiers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, upon his return back from deployment, 1SGT Guzman
2 was re-assigned as the HHC, 1-294th Infantry Regiment First Sergeant; and

3 **WHEREAS**, 1SGT Gene Guzman is a graduate of Basic Training at
4 Fort Ord, California; the AIT-11 Bravo Infantry at Fort Gordon, Georgia;
5 the Primary Leadership Development Course; the Basic Non-
6 Commissioned Officer Course; the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer
7 Course and Emergency Operations Communication Course; and

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

22 **WHEREAS**, 1SGT Guzman's children followed the exemplary model
23 of their father, as all of his children enlisted in the Guam Army National


1 Guard. His two (2) sons Gene Jr. and Jonathan are both Sergeants, and his
2 daughter, Therese, is a Private First Class; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2009.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary