

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Resolution No. 414-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Lt. Commander Matthew Salas and the crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia for their efforts in preventing the illegal trafficking of one (1) metric ton of cocaine.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, for over two (2) centuries the United States Coast Guard  
4 has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests in the heartland, in the ports,  
5 at sea, and around the globe; and

6           **WHEREAS**, today's U.S. Coast Guard, with nearly forty-two thousand  
7 (42,000) men and women on active duty, is a unique force that carries out an  
8 array of civil and military responsibilities touching almost every facet of the  
9 U.S. maritime environment; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in December 2009, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia,  
11 home ported in Apra Harbor, Guam, interdicted Hong Kong's King Yue 1, a  
12 vessel on the high seas with no identifiable markings, which was suspected of  
13 transporting cocaine from South America to China; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Sequoia tracked the vessel for seventeen (17) days  
15 through the Philippine Sea, from Micronesia to the South China Sea near  
16 Hong Kong; and

17           **WHEREAS**, as the Sequoia tracked the vessel, authorities from the Drug  
18 Enforcement Agency, the Department of State, the Department of Justice, the  
19 Coast Guard and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing coordinated with the People's  
20 Republic of China to board the vessel and seize any contraband; and

21           **WHEREAS**, prior to being boarded by two (2) Chinese Coast Guard  
22 vessels, the crew of the King Yue 1 dumped approximately two thousand

1 (2,000) pounds of cocaine overboard. The crew of the King Yue 1 were  
2 arrested and brought to Hong Kong; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Sequoia crew's work prevented the landing of one (1)  
4 metric ton of cocaine ashore; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Drug Enforcement Administration presented a  
6 Certificate of Appreciation to the crew of the Sequoia for their outstanding  
7 contributions in the field of drug law enforcement; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the crew of the Sequoia, a two hundred twenty-five (225)-  
9 foot buoy tender with a crew of fifty (50), routinely carries out the Coast  
10 Guard's missions of law enforcement, maritime safety, maritime mobility,  
11 environmental protection and national defense, with an area of operation that  
12 spans the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Micronesia,  
13 and the Marshall Islands; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
15 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Lt. Commander  
16 Matthew Salas, and the crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia,  
17 for their actions in preventing the illegal trafficking of one (1) metric ton of  
18 cocaine; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
20 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
21 transmitted to Lt. Commander Matthew Salas, Commanding Officer, and the  
22 crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia; to Admiral Robert J.

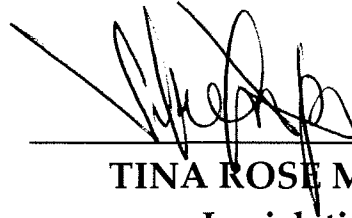
- 1 Papp, Jr., Commandant of the United States Coast Guard; to the Honorable
- 2 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to
- 3 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2010.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.**  
Speaker



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