

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 472-30 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the late Juan Rios Cepeda, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (Retired), and to extending a most sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his service to our country and our island as an officer of the United States Army; and to further extending condolences to his family.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Juan Rios Cepeda, a native son of Guam, was born on
4 November 2, 1939, and is the fourth (4th) child of the eight (8) children of
5 Josefina and Juan Cepeda, residents of *Barrigada*, Guam. Five (5) of his
6 siblings are now deceased and two (2) siblings, Pedro Cepeda and Josefina
7 Cepeda, are currently residing in the U. S. mainland; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on January 15, 1994, Juan Rios Cepeda married the former
9 Cora Farnum of *Malojloj*, and they are the proud parents of four (4) reared
10 children: Sherree and Andy Mendiola; Pamela Cruz; Mark and Catherine
11 Cruz; and Darlene and Dalvatore "Gino" Sgambelluri; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Juan Rios Cepeda graduated in 1959 from George
13 Washington High School in *Mangilao* and soon after joined the United States
14 regular Army. In 1968, Juan sustained severe injuries to his head, arm, and
15 leg during the Vietnam War; and

16 **WHEREAS**, upon his return to Guam, Juan attended the University of
17 Guam, and graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor's Degree in Post Secondary
18 Education in History; and for a short period he was a teacher at Agueda
19 Johnston Middle School in *Ordot*; and

20 **WHEREAS**, SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda is the recipient of several
21 prestigious military awards, including: the Bronze Star Medal with Combat
22 Device for VALOR; Medal of the Purple Heart; the United States Army

1 Combat Infantry Badge, with Star attached; and several Unite Awards,
2 inclusive of the National Defense Medal and the Presidential Unite Award for
3 combat action in the Republic of South Vietnam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda is a lifetime member of the Guam
5 Chapter, Vietnam Veterans, #668; the Guam Chapter of the National
6 Association for Uniform Services (NAUS), where SSGT Cepeda served since
7 1982 as the Chairman, NAUS Board of Directors; the Veterans of Foreign Wars
8 (VFW) Post 1509; the Disabled American Veterans; and he was an active
9 member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter #1315 (MOPH);
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, in his personal and professional life, SSGT Juan Rios
12 Cepeda, United States Army, (Retired), constantly stressed integrity, honesty,
13 and respect for others and served as a source of inspiration to his fellow
14 officers, friends, and family, to whom he always encouraged personal and
15 professional growth; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in all the organizations he was a part of, SSGT Juan Rios
17 Cepeda developed a climate of providing motivation, participation, and
18 opportunities for its members' personal initiative to ensure for a comfortable
19 and friendly atmosphere within the organization; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
22 people of Guam, recognize and honor the late SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda, U.S.

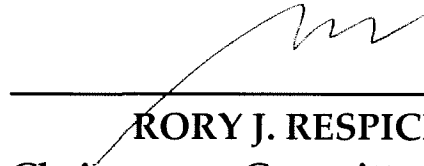
1 Army (Retired), and does extend a most sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os*
2 *Ma'åse* to him for his service to our country and our island as an Officer of the
3 United States Army; and does further extend condolences to his family; and
4 be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
6 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
7 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Cora Farnum
8 Cepeda; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

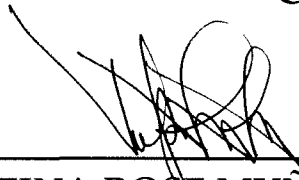
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary