

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 30-150 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Rear Admiral William D. French, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Naval Base Guam, on the occasion of on his second star promotion to Rear Admiral Upper Half, and to further extend best wishes and Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for his Leadership, Initiatives, and unwavering Commitment to our island and country as he concludes his tour on Guam as a Naval Officer.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON**
2 ***BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:***

3 **WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral William D. French arrived on Guam in April of 2007 with
4 his wife Monika, son Thomas and daughter Teressa to serve as the U.S. Defense
5 Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States
6 of Micronesia, Republic of Palau - as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Admiral French graduated from Vanderbilt University with a
8 Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, he was commissioned through the NROTC
9 Program in May 1979; and earned a Master of Science Degree from the Naval Postgraduate
10 School in 1986 and a Master of Arts from the Naval War College in 1999; and

11 **WHEREAS,** A Submarine officer and graduate of the Navy's Nuclear Power
12 Training, Rear Admiral French has served at sea in USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668), as
13 Operations Officer in USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664), and Engineer in USS TECUMSEH (SSBN
14 628). He served as Executive Officer of USS HELENA (SSN 725) and commanded USS
15 SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716) homeported in San Diego, California; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Ashore, Rear Admiral French served as Submarine Officer Community
17 Manager at the Bureau of Naval Personnel; as Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron

1 ELEVEN; as Chief of the Strategy and Policy Division at United States Strategic Command
2 in Omaha, Nebraska; as Director, Submarine Officer Distribution and Nuclear Propulsion
3 Program Manager at the Bureau of Naval Personnel; and commanded Submarine
4 Squadron THREE in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During his Squadron command tour, all six of
5 the Squadron's submarines deployed, five of which conducted operations in direct support
6 of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral French's served in his first Flag Officer as Commander,
8 Navy Region Northwest from August 2005 to April 2007, followed by his current post as
9 Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Naval Base Guam, April 2007 to July 2009 and was
10 recently selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (upper half), Rear Admiral French, he will
11 be assigned to assume the Command of Navy Region Southwest in August 2009; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Admiral French's awards among others include the Defense Superior
13 Service Medal, three awards of the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, four
14 Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and two Navy and Marine Corps
15 Achievement Medals; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Admiral French executed and enhanced the Navy's commitment to the
17 preservation and promotion of Chamorro culture and heritage through support of ongoing
18 community programs as well as preservation and stewardship of numerous historic sites
19 on Naval Base Guam including the location of the former Village of Sumay and the Sumay
20 cemetery; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Admiral French has embraced and been embraced by the people of
22 Guam and gained new relationships that helped to foster better understanding between the
23 military and island community, often, his engagements consisted of not only formal but
24 many more informal meetings with residents and the island's elected and business
25 leadership; and

26 **WHEREAS**, he has illustrated his commitment to the people of Guam through
27 initiatives and dedication to enhancing the Sailor/local veteran relationship and in meeting

1 the unique challenge of a resident community military retiree population significantly
2 larger per capita than most regions and installations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, RDML French astutely balanced resource application and skillfully
4 brought to fruition the initial stages of construction of a new \$5M Veterans Community
5 Based Outpatient Clinic in a location more accessible for Guam veterans; and

6 **WHEREAS**, RDML French, a staunch advocate for quality of life for his imparted
7 upon his Sailors, that dedication to enhance the quality of life for all island residents by
8 spearheading the revitalization of an ambitious community relations engagement strategy;
9 his personal encouragement of the character building value of volunteering in a joint Navy
10 / community effort resulted in weekly individual community service beautification acts by
11 Sailor volunteers including his own personal hands-on beautification efforts in various
12 island villages and schools; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Admiral French recognized the crucial role of education in any
14 community for the nation's future, under his guidance and support this same community
15 service program matched every command with every village and public school in a sister
16 village and sister school status, thus making thousands of volunteer Sailors available to
17 support ongoing school scholar project to assist in the enrichment of Guam's youth thereby
18 also setting the example of community service as a lifelong endeavor in which Sailors and
19 Guam's youth can develop leadership, character and responsible citizenry; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Admiral French was instrumental in guiding the initial stages of the
21 move of the U.S. Marines from Okinawa in one of the largest peacetime build-ups in naval
22 history whilst endeavoring to ensure the island community was well-informed, in spite of
23 the incredibly complex initiative involving local, federal, and foreign governments with
24 diverse and complicated political, legal, and financial issues; and

25 **WHEREAS**, his commands deployed hundreds of Sailors in support of Operations
26 IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM while simultaneously developing

1 benchmark programs and policies on how to sponsor and support Sailors and their families
2 before, during, and after deployment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral French's selfless actions, tireless efforts, and unwavering
4 commitment to excellence in all his undertakings is indicative of his latest venture earning
5 him his second star promotion to Rear Admiral Upper Half; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in mid-July, Admiral Lewis and family will report to San Diego,
7 California to assume his latest Flag Command of Navy Region Southwest; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
10 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Rear Admiral William D. French,
11 Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Naval Base Guam, on the occasion of on his second
12 star promotion to Rear Admiral Upper Half; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
14 people of Guam, further extend an *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Admiral French and
15 family for his Leadership, Initiatives, and unwavering Commitment to our island, region
16 and country as he concludes his tour on Guam as a Naval Officer; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption
18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to Rear Admiral William D.
19 French, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, to the Honorable Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr.,
20 United States Secretary of the Navy; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of
21 the United States Congress, (D-Guam); and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
22 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF JULY, 2009.**

Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna-Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Senator Judith Paulette Guthertz, DPA
Assistant Majority Leader



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MEMORANDUM

To: Clerk, 30th Guam Legislature

From: Sen. Judi P. Guthertz

Subject: Resolution Presentation
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m.

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Please be advised that I will be presenting a commendatory Resolution to Rear Admiral William D. French, Commander, Joint Region Marianas - as he concludes his tour on Guam as a Naval Officer. The presentation is tentatively set for Wed. July 8, 2009 @ 10:30a.m. The presentation is tentatively set for the Conference Room of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

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In addition to myself, the main sponsors of Resolution No. 30-150 (COR) are Senator Rory Respicio and Vice Speaker B. J. Cruz. I look forward to your attendance.

CC: All Senators
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