

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating Yolanda Whitfield of the Naval Hospital, Guam for her valuable contributions to the military families and Veterans of Guam as a Surgeon at Naval Hospital Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, three years ago, Dr. Yolanda Whitfield became Anabelle Castro
4 Evangelista doctor. During this time, medical care was not at its best when it came to
5 Anabelle due to affordability as well as availability. Suffering from Down's
6 syndrome, obstructive sleep apnea, gout, hypothyroidism, diabetes, PTSD, and
7 psoriasis; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Whitfield always saw Anabelle as a person in need of care
9 and compassion and never as a disabled person with complex medical issues. Dr.
10 Whitfield availed herself to Anabelle on and off duty whenever needed. Had it not
11 been for Dr. Whitfield's care for Anabelle, there is would be no way of knowing how
12 she would be today; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Anabelle is a beautiful, young, woman today who sees life
14 without limits to her and a lot due in part to Dr. Whitfield's care. Dr. Whitfield has
15 instilled a positive perspective of life not only to Anabelle, but to our family as well.
16 Dr. Whitfield allowed Anabelle's family to believe that their future together could
17 only get better with the continued care that Dr. Whitfield had taught and instilled in
18 the family; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, rather than Dr. Whitfield taking the day off to celebrate
20 New Year's, she was at the hospital where she received Anabelle's newborn sister to
21 ensure that she too was in good health. Even after this, Dr. Whitfield continued to

1 avail herself to ElizaEmma (newborn) and Anabelle who “stole the Doc’s heart”
2 without ever expressing being tired frustrated or even that she’d rather be somewhere
3 else; and

4 **WHEREAS**, for many children like Anabelle and their families who receive
5 care from Dr. Whitfield, they will all be remorseful that her time to leave Guam has
6 come. Anabelle and her family have all been touched by an *Angel* in Dr. Yolanda
7 Whitfield via the United States Navy and now she must fly to aid other children and
8 families with the same genuine care and love that she had bestowed upon us; and

9 **WHEREAS**, during her tour on Guam, Dr. Whitfield has assisted many of
10 Guam’s military families and Veterans in their medical needs. Many of Guam’s
11 military families and Veterans wholeheartedly appreciate all Dr. Whitfield has done to
12 assure that her patients get the best healthcare and services; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Naval Hospital Guam Family, Dr. Whitfield
14 became the Primary Care Physician for many families and their children. On a
15 personal note, the personal physician for Anabelle Therese Castro “*Princess*” and
16 ElizaEmma Castro Evangelista. Through Dr. Whitfield’s exceptional level of care and
17 compassion, the doors to enhancing the quality of life for Anabelle and ElizaEmma
18 were opened providing a brighter future for both girls. Having been born with Down’s
19 syndrome, associated with complex medical conditions, Dr. Whitfield always
20 provided Anabelle with the utmost respect as a human being accompanied with
21 genuine kindness and care. Dr. Whitfield’s care for Anabelle has not only improved
22 her quality of life, but also has instilled greater hope in the family, that she will be
23 around much longer; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Whitfield’s level of care is one that she would never
25 compromise while caring for Anabelle. Under Dr. Whitfield’s care, Anabelle’s life
26 was spared. In 2008, Dr. Whitfield took medical care for Anabelle to a higher level -
27 she referred Anabelle to Tripler Medical Center, Hawaii where she was able to get an
28 extension of Dr. Whitfield’s excellent care through the other specialists Anabelle met
29 with. Because of Dr. Whitfield’s undying care and compassion for Anabelle, she
30 received surgery which resulted in the elimination to some extent of a CPAP machine
31 which she was dependent on due to her sleep apnea, and furthermore, Anabelle’s
32 speech improved significantly thus increasing her self-esteem to the young and vibrant
33 woman she is today; and

34 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Yolanda Whitfield epitomizes the definition of both the
35 military and community servant. Through her actions, she has made numerous
36 significant and unselfish contributions to the people of Guam and on behalf of
37 Anabelle “*Princess*” Therese Castro and their families, *Dangkulo na Si Yu’os*
38 *Ma’ase’!* You will forever have a place not only in our hearts but in our homes; now,
39 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
2 people of Guam, does hereby commend Dr. Yolanda Whitfield for her unselfish
3 efforts to assist our military families and Veterans and Naval Hospital Guam and
4 wishing Dr. Whitfield and her family, "*Fair Winds and Following Seas*," onto their
5 next duty station; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
7 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
8 Dr. Yolanda Whitfield and her family; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
9 Guam's Congressional Delegate, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the
10 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.