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Resolution No. 311-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

T.C. Ada

RECOGNIZING RICHARD LA FONTAINE FOR
HIS HEROIC DISPLAY DURING WORLD WAR II

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

Whereas, Richard La Fontaine is a World War II Veteran having served in the United States Navy during the Pacific Theater of Operations; and

Whereas, Richard La Fontaine, at the rank of Seaman, was assigned to the United States Navy submarine tender "USS Proteus (AS-19)", which supported the Battle of Saipan and Operation Marianas Turkey Shoot, and was a flagship of a 26-ship support group during the Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, Japan;

Whereas, Richard La Fontaine, while serving on the USS Proteus (AS-19), refitted 28 submarines in preparation for and during World War II, overhauled 537 torpedoes, completed 4 voyages to repair ships underway, and captured the crew of the Japanese Submarine 1400 (the largest submarine in the world during World War II);

Whereas, Richard La Fontaine was awarded the World War II Victory Medal for his service, bravery, and valor during World War II;

Whereas, the courage and bravery exhibited by Richard La Fontaine during World War II should serve as a reminder to the people of Guam of the brave service and sacrifices made by the United States Armed Services;

Whereas, Richard La Fontaine is loved husband to the late Pearl Lucina-La Fontaine; father to Jan La Fontaine Kirk and Richard La Fontaine Jr.; and grandfather to Christopher La Fontaine and Kevin La Fontaine; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the honorable and heroic service of Richard La Fontaine during World War II; and be it further

Resolved, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Richard La Fontaine, Jan La Fontaine, Richard Jr. La Fontaine, Christopher La Fontaine, Kevin La Fontaine, the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to U.S. Congress; and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF October 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary