

I MINA' TRENTA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Thomas F. Devlin for his passionate advocacy, active involvement and staunch support of our island veterans and congratulating him on the two (2) year anniversary of Vet Talk with NewsTalk K57.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin relocated to Guam in 2004, but in that short
4 period of time he has built a solid reputation as a vocal advocate and staunch
5 supporter of veteran's rights; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from 1968 to 1969, Thomas F. Devlin served with the 1st
7 Marine Division of the United States Marine Corp in Vietnam where he
8 participated with the 1st Marines Division in the Tet Offensive defending the City
9 of Hue ; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin retired from the United States Marine Corp
11 due to wounds he received in combat during the Vietnam War; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin subsequently received a Bachelor of
13 Science in Real Estate, Insurance and graduated from the College of Traffic
14 Management; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin worked as a Traffic Management Advisor
16 for the United Nations in New York City with assignments in various countries
17 before retiring after thirty (30) years of loyal service; and

18 **WHEREAS**, shortly after his arrival on island, Thomas F. Devlin joined
19 the Guam Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was voted
20 Commander in 2006, and in 2007 he was selected as Veteran of the Year for his
21 dedication and service to the organization; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin later served as the National Service Officer
23 assisting Veterans with filing claims to the Veteran's Affairs Office in Honolulu
24 while reporting to The Military Order of the Purple Heart San Diego Office; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin volunteers his time in assisting with the
26 selection of articles, research, and distribution with *The Guam Veteran Magazine*,
27 a quarterly publication for the Guam Veteran Community; and

28 **WHEREAS**, aside from serving as The Military Order of the Purple Heart
29 representative to the Guam Veteran Commission, Thomas F. Devlin also serves as
30 a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Fleet Reserve Association of
31 Guam; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin is a founder and volunteer of the Guam
33 Chapter of Project Guiding Light, a non-profit veteran advocacy group which
34 informs, engages, and lobbies for the rights and equal representation of veterans on
35 a wide range of topics and issues; and

36 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin is also the Host of *Vet Talk*, a radio show on
37 K57, that offers a much needed platform for the veteran community to engage in
38 dialogue and share information that is of interest and uniquely significant to
39 veterans; and

40 **WHEREAS**, *Vet Talk* recently celebrated its two (2) year anniversary on air
41 and has proven to be a reliable source of information and issues defined by its
42 diverse listening audience and made popular by its articulate and engaging host;
43 and

44 **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Devlin, has proven to be a respected advocate for
45 veterans as exemplified through his efforts to ensure the collective voice of the
46 veteran community is not ignored or forgotten but given honor and dignity for
47 having served our country and protected our freedoms; now, therefore be it

48 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na*
49 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
50 people of Guam, recognize and commend Thomas F. Devlin, and does extend its
51 sincerest *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his passionate advocacy and

52 support of our island veterans and for his enduring commitment to the many
53 veteran organizations and causes he has supported; and be it further

54 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
55 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and the
56 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Thomas F. Devlin; and to Rex
57 Sorenson and Ray Gibson of NewsTalk K57, and to the Honorable Felix P.
58 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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61 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA' TRENTA NA***
62 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010.**

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65 JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
66 Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

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