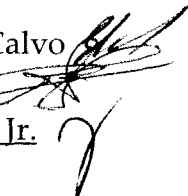


MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 472-30(COR)

Introduced by:

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

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

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

8 **WHEREAS**, on January 15, 1994, Juan Rios Cepeda married the former Cora
9 Farnum of *Malojloj*, and are proud parents of seven (7) reared children – Sherree, Andy,
10 Pamela, Mark, and Darlene; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, upon his return to Guam, Mr. Cepeda enrolled at the University of
2 Guam, graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor’s degree in Post Secondary Education in
3 History and taught for a short period at Agueda Johnston High School in Ordot; and

4 **WHEREAS**, SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda is the recipient of prestigious military
5 awards – the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Device for VALOR, the United States
6 Army Combat Infantry Badge, with Star attached, and several Unite Awards inclusive
7 of the National Defense Medal and the Presidential Unite Award for combat action in
8 the Republic of South Vietnam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda is a life member of the Guam Chapter,
10 Vietnam Veterans, #668; the Guam Chapter of the National Association for Uniform
11 Services (NAUS), where SSGT Cepeda served since 1982 as the Chairman, NAUS Board
12 of Directors; the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1509, Disable American Veterans
13 and an active member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter #1315
14 (MOPH); and

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

19 **WHEREAS**, SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda developed a climate of providing
20 motivation, participation, and opportunities for member’s personal initiative to ensure
21 for a comfortable and friendly organization atmosphere; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan* does hereby certify, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize
3 and honor the late SSGT Juan Rios Cepeda, U.S. Army (Retired) and extend a most
4 sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his service to our country and island as a
5 Staff Non-Commissioned Officer of the United States Army; and to further extending
6 condolences to his family of behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and, be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Chairperson of the Committee on
8 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that
9 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Cora Farnum Cepeda, and to the
10 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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