I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Committee on Rules Resolution No. _ & (COP)

Introduced by:



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Relative to posthumously commending and congratulating Guam Police Department Lieutenant (ret) Howard Randolf Blas for his service to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Retired Police Lieutenant Howard Randolf Blas, known affectionately to his family as "Sonny" and as "Howie" by his fellow officers, was born on December 13, 1943, to Jesus Salas Blas and Maria Ibasco Wolford Blas from Yigo; and;

WHEREAS, Lt. Blas was a loving brother to his siblings Robert, Callie, Darlene, Bernard, and Betty, a loving husband to Maria Cruz Blas, and a loving father to his children, Randy, Brian, Christopher, and Nicola; and

WHEREAS, Blas served his country in the army for four years, including a tour in Vietnam during the height of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, He entered the Guam Police Department on February 9, 1969; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1969, then-Police Officer Blas had the distinction of handling a special assignment for future President Ronald Regan's visit to Guam; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Blas received numerous awards as an officer, including one for outstanding performance of duty for complete, efficient and comprehensive investigation; and

WHEREAS, During his time with the Guam Police Department, Lieutenant Blas became the first officer, along with Robert Lizama, to receive full certification as a motorcycle trainer; and

WHEREAS, Blas retired on September 28, 1991, after 22 years of service as a Sgt. II in the Guam Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Lieutenant Blas continued to serve his community, by offering up his mechanic specialties, remaining an active member at his parish: Santa Teresita Catholic Church; founding Gådao Preschool and Daycare Along with his wife—a school with a unique and specialized curriculum focusing on the Chamorro language and culture; and most importantly, providing a temporary home for homeless residents, and providing assistance with government and charitable programs; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend Lieutenant Howard Randolf Blas for his service to the people of Guam both during and after his time as a police officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be

thereafter transmitted to his wife Maria, his children, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D. Speaker Secretary of the Legislature

RORY RESPICIO RAY TENORIO Senator and Sponsor