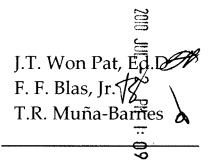
I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 414-30(45)

Introduced by:



RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND COMENDING LT. COMMANDER MATTHEW SALAS AND THE CREW OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CUTTER SEQUOIA FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PREVENTING THE ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF ONE METRIC TON OF COCAINE

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, for over two centuries the United States Coast Guard has
- 4 safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests in the heartland, in the ports, at
- 5 sea, and around the globe; and
- 6 WHEREAS, today's U.S. Coast Guard, with nearly 42,000 men and
- 7 women on active duty, is a unique force that carries out an array of civil and
- 8 military responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime
- 9 environment; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in December 2009, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia,
- 11 home ported in Apra Harbor, Guam, interdicted Hong Kong's King Yue 1, a

- 1 vessel on the high seas with no identifiable markings, suspected of
- 2 transporting cocaine from South America to China; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, the Sequoia tracked the vessel for seventeen (17) days
- 4 through the Philippine Sea from Micronesia to the South China Sea near Hong
- 5 Kong; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, as the Sequoia tracked the vessel, authorities from the Drug
- 7 Enforcement Agency, the Department of State, the Department of Justice, the
- 8 Coast Guard and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing coordinated with the People's
- 9 Republic of China to board the vessel and seize any contraband; and
- 10 WHEREAS, prior to being boarded by two Chinese Coast Guard
- 11 vessels, the crew of the King Yue 1 casted approximately 2,000 pounds of
- 12 cocaine overboard. The crew of the King Yue 1 were arrested and brought to
- 13 Hong Kong; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Sequoia crew's work prevented the landing of one
- 15 metric ton of cocaine ashore; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration presented to the
- 17 crew of the Sequoia a certificate appreciation for their outstanding
- 18 contributions in the field of drug law enforcement;
- 19 **WHEREAS**, the crew of the Sequoia, a 225-foot buoy tender with a crew
- 20 of 50, routinely carries out the Coast Guard's missions of law enforcement,
- 21 maritime safety, maritime mobility, environmental protection and national
- defense, with an area of operation that spans the Commonwealth of Northern

	Secretary of the Legislature
	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Senator and
	LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF2010.
	DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
16	Guahan.
15	United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'laher
14	Guard; to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the
13	to Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr, the Commandant of the United States Coas
12	Matthew Salas; to the crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia
11	Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia - Lt. Commande
10	adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to th
9	the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of I Liheslaturan attest to, the
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of
7	one metric ton of cocaine; and
6	Guard Cutter Sequoia for their actions in preventing the illegal trafficking of
5	commanding officer of the Sequoia and the crew of the United States Coas
4	people of Guam, commend and recognize Lt. Commander Matthew Salas, th
3	RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan, on behalf of the
2	be it
1	Mariana Islands, Guam, Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands; now, therefore