

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation
196-34 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON JR. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing and commending the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapters 1315, 787, and 2007 as they celebrate "Purple Heart Month" in August 2017; and to further extending Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the members and their families for their honorable service to our country, spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud tradition of the military service, and tremendous contributions to our island community.	8/11/17 2:51 p.m.	8/15/17 10:00 a.m.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapter was
4 chartered on November 11, 2003, with twenty-seven (27) members. The second Chapter
5 787 was chartered on November 11, 2005 with thirty-seven (37) members. Currently,
6 there are three (3) Guam Chapters, 1315, 787, and 2007 which consists of one hundred
7 thirty-one (131) lifetime members forming a Department of Asia Pacific and Ladies
8 Auxiliary with sixty-two (62) members; and

9 **WHEREAS,** on August 7, 1782, General George Washington established the
10 Honorary “Badge of Military Merit” in the figure of a heart in purple cloth. On February
11 22, 1932, it was designated the Purple Heart; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by
13 an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded
14 veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related

1 legislatives initiatives; provide services to all veterans and their families and, most
2 importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated;
3 and

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5 **WHEREAS**, Our Nation's first military award recognized the spirit of
6 voluntarism and selfless dedication of the average American which has been so
7 fundamental to the American way of life; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Many Americans have been wounded in combat while protecting
9 our great nation against enemies and as a result of their injuries, these Purple Heart
10 recipients bear their battle wounds for life, while more have made the absolute sacrifice,
11 giving their lives for their country; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there is no exclusion by war or branch of service, all Armed Forces
13 of the United States are eligible to receive it. The Military Order of the Purple Heart
14 exists to serve not only wounded combat veterans, but all veterans and their dependents;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is most appropriate that this distinguished group of veterans be
17 recognized for their outstanding contributions to our Nation's freedom and democracy;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapters have
20 contributed tremendously to numerous non-profit organizations such as: various
21 Veterans Associations, Veterans Funerals, Veterans Medical Travel expenses, VA
22 Clinic, VA Veterans Outreach Program, Vietnam Veterans Association, Alee Shelter,
23 American Red Cross, Ayuda Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Catholic Social
24 Services, Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, Guam Cancer Care,
25 Erica's House of Hope, Guam Memorial Hospital Pediatric Ward, Guma Mami, Island

1 Girl Power, Make A Wish Foundation, Salvation Army, Sanctuary, Inc., Soroptimist
2 International of Guam, and Westcare Pacific Islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Ladies Auxiliary – Military Order of the Purple Heart
4 play an important role as proud advocates of the local Chapters with its mission of
5 providing overwhelming support for one another, our veterans and their families. They
6 share the compassion of the combat wounded, and volunteer on behalf of all veterans.

7 **WHEREAS**, our veterans have earned profound and eternal gratitude from all of
8 the people of this island for their willingness to risk life and limb for the sake of this
9 nation, its people, and our cherished freedoms; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
12 of Guam, recognize and commend the members of the Military Order of the Purple
13 Heart, Guam Chapters 1315, 787, and 2007 as they celebrate “Purple Heart Month” in
14 August 2017; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the
15 members and their families for their honorable service to our country, your spirit of
16 sacrifice in keeping with the proud tradition of the military service, and tremendous
17 contributions to our island community; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
19 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
20 the same be thereafter transmitted to members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart,
21 Guam Chapters; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE TH DAY
OF AUGUST 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ

RÈGINE BISCOE LEE

Speaker

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary