

I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN
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Introduced by:

William M. Castro *de*

RELATIVE TO HONORING AND COMMENDING OUR NATIVE SON OF GUAM, REAR ADMIRAL PETER A. GUMATAOTAO IN HIS RETIREMENT OF OVER 41 YEARS OF HONORABLE, DEDICATED, ALTRUISTIC SACRIFICE, AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM OF OUR FREE WORLD AND THIS GREAT NATION AND FOR REACHING A CAREER MILESTONE OF THE RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL (UPPER HALF) IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby honors, commends and
4 congratulates our Native Son of Guam, Rear Admiral Peter A. Gumataotao in his
5 retirement of over 41 years of Honorable, Dedicated, Altruistic Sacrifice, and
6 Exemplary Service to the defense of Freedom of our Free World and this Great
7 Nation and for reaching a career milestone of the rank of Rear Admiral (Upper Half)
8 in the Department of the Navy; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao joined the Navy in 1976 and
10 attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island. He is a
11 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and earned his Master of Arts in
12 Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 1994; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao's rank of Rear Admiral is a
14 two-star flag officer rank in the U.S. Navy and equivalent to the rank of Major

1 General in the other Armed Forces and is the highest naval rank maintained during
2 peacetime; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao was promoted to Rear Admiral
4 (Upper Half) by President Barack H. Obama II in 2012, and as a two-star admiral he
5 is the highest ranking Naval Officer from Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao a surface warfare officer, Rear
7 Admiral Gumataotao has deployed extensively to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean,
8 and Arabian Gulf. His sea assignments include: USS Bagley (FF 1069), USS
9 Worden (CG 18), USS Reuben James (FFG 57) and Destroyer Squadron (DESRON)
10 31. His previous command-at-sea tours include: USS Bagley (FF 1069), USS
11 Worden (CG 18), USS Reuben James (FFG 57) and Destroyer Squadron (DESRON)
12 31. His previous command-at-sea tours include: USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), USS
13 Decatur (DDG 73), and commander DESRON-31; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao ashore served as assistant
15 surface operations officer and surface systems analysis officer for Commander, U.S.
16 3rd Fleet; a fellow for the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group at the
17 Center for Naval Analysis in Washington, D.C.; a congressional liaison for Surface
18 Programs at the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs; current operations officer for
19 Commander, Pacific Fleet; chief of division for Current Operations for the Pacific
20 Command Headquarters; and chief of staff for Naval Surface Forces; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao's flag assignments included
22 commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea for U.S. Pacific Fleet; U.S. Naval Regional
23 commander for Naval Installations Command; commander, Task Force 78 for U.S.
24 7th Fleet; Naval component commander of United Nations Command; deputy naval
25 component commander for Combined Forces Command, Korea; commander,
26 Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 11 (Nimitz Strike Group); assistant deputy chief of
27 Naval Operation for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5B) and commander,
28 Naval Surface Force Atlantic; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao received the following Honors
2 and Military Awards:

3 • First recipient of the U.S. Admiral Zumwalt Award for Visionary
4 Leadership.

5 • Awarded the German Bundeswehr Cross of Honour for Valour.

6 • Awarded the Order of National Security Merit Cheonsu Medal for
7 distinguished performance in promoting military cooperation between South Korea
8 and the United States.

9 • Numerous U.S. Naval decorations that include: Defense Superior Service
10 Medal (2 awards), Legion of Merit (5 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (4
11 awards), and other personal, unit, and campaign awards; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao in December 2016 was given
13 the distinguish honor to speak at Old Dominion University's 125th commencement
14 exercise where almost 1,600 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees were awarded;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao in his most recent assignment
17 served as the deputy chief of staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, Supreme Allied
18 Command Transformation (NATO), Norfolk and now has earned his place in
19 Guam's history books for future generations to aspire and set goals beyond their
20 dreams; therefore

21 **BE IT NOW RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislature
22 Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
23 transmitted to; (wife's name), U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Shoshona Chatfield,
24 Commander Joint Region Marianas, the Honorable Richard V. Spencer, Secretary
25 of the Navy, Jim Mattis, Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
26 Guam's Delegate to Congress, and the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, I Maga 'lahen
27 Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ___ DAY OF _____, 2017.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary