

**I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
451-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Thomas C. Ada FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Fernando Esteves Telena Cruz Nelson Joe S. San Agustin Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and <i>I Liheslaturan Guáhan</i> for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.	6/5/18 2:29 p.m.	6/8/18 8:00 a.m.	6/7/18 11:12 a.m.					

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Introduced by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, during the War in Vietnam, the people of Guam provided over six thousand (6,000) of her finest men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the majority either were drafted or enlisted in the United States Army. Seventy-seven (77) were killed and many were wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming casualties of the war, and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz is from Guam and would be classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Company A, 2d Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, U.S. Army, at the battle of Dong Xoai, Republic of Vietnam, January 18, 1969, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) by Department of the Army, Permanent Orders No. 87-8 on June 6, 1994. His citation follows:

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Major (then Staff Sergeant) Juan Ogo Blaz (ASN: RA-20120951), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company A, 2d Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division. Sergeant Major Blaz distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 January 1969, when his unit encountered an enemy unit armed with AK-47 rifles, light and heavy machine guns, hand grenades and RPG-7 rocket launchers. Sergeant Major Blaz took command during a fierce firefight in which his platoon leader was injured, rushing to drag wounded soldiers to safety and leading an assault to wipe out an enemy bunker. In the process, shrapnel pierced his right shoulder. Minutes later, his platoon was pinned down by heavy machine-gun fire, and Sergeant Major Blaz single charged across a ravine to silence the enemy weapon. He suffered another wound to his right shoulder, this time from an AK-47. But rather than accept medical treatment, Sergeant Major Blaz again charged through the enemy's positions. After U.S. Cobra gunships fired rockets that missed their targets, he radioed the pilots and told them that he'd cross the ravine and mark the enemy positions with smoke grenades. He performed two more solo charges to help the pilots set up aerial supporting fire before allowing himself to be medevacked out. Sergeant Major Blaz's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Blaz, in a valiant act of heroism, instantly exposed himself with out regards to his own personal safety to singularly charge and destroy enemy bunkers that had been firing at his unit and to mark the enemy's position for the pilots providing gunship support. He was wounded twice, once by shrapnel and again when a bullet from an AK-47 rifle pierced through his shoulder. Despite the severity of his wounds, he refused medical treatment and continued to direct fire against the enemy until all were destroyed thus saving the lives of many soldiers in his platoon. Through his extraordinary initiative, outstanding leadership acumen, and inspiring valor above and beyond the call of duty in the face of almost certain death, he saved his comrades from serious injury and possible loss of life, and defeated the enemy. His conspicuous gallantry and fearlessness at the risk of his life were above and beyond the call of duty and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army, and

WHEREAS, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2017 (Public Law 114-328) directs the Secretary of each military department to conduct a review of the service records of certain eligible veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars who are of Asian American or Native American Pacific Island descent and were previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross. In those cases where the Secretary concerned determines that the service records of those veterans support the award of the Medal of Honor, the NDAA 2017 waives the statutory time limitations for award of the Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Pacific Programs Act 1974 (42 U.S.C. §2992c(6)) defines Native American Pacific Islander as an individual who is indigenous to a U.S. territory or possession in the Pacific Ocean, and includes such individuals while residing in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz meets the prerequisites in the NDAA 2017 and the Native American Pacific Program Act for expedited review and consideration for the Medal of Honor award; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, express the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; does further recognize him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; does further honor him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; and does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz for the Medal of Honor pursuant to the NDAA 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz; to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command; to the Secretary of the U.S. Army; to all members of the U.S. House of Representative Armed Services Committee and all members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Mago'lalen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2018.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

THOMAS C. ADA  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.  
Acting Legislative Secretary



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**OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER**  
**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Chairperson of the Committee  
On Culture and Justice

*I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
*34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

June 5, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators  
FROM: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje  
SUBJECT: Resolution Presentation

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of **Resolutions No. 450-34 (COR) through 455-34 (COR)**, sponsored by Therese M. Terlaje, Thomas C. Ada, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Fernando Esteves, Telen Cruz Nelson, Joe S. San Agustin and Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

**Resolution No. 450-34 (COR)** “Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Command Sergeant Major Martin Ada Manglona, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 451-34 (COR)** “Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 452-34 (COR)** “Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the

Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 453-35(COR)** “ Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 454-34 (COR)** “ Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Tomas Garcia Reyes, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

**Resolution No. 455-34 (COR)** “ Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”

DATE: Monday, June 11, 2018  
TIME: 9:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room

CC: Clerks  
MIS  
Sergeant-At-Arms  
Protocol

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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2 were killed and many were wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming casualties  
3 of the war; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz is from Guam and would be  
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19 rifles, light and heavy machine guns, hand grenades and RPG-7 rocket launchers.  
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23 shoulder. Minutes later, his platoon was pinned down by heavy machine-gun fire,  
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25 weapon. He suffered another wound to his right shoulder, this time from an AK-

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2 through the enemy's positions. After U.S. Cobra gunships fired rockets that  
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11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na*  
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13 of Guam, express the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for  
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19 Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz for the Medal of Honor pursuant to the NDAA 2017;  
20 and be it further


21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz; to the U.S. Army  
24 Human Resources Command; to the Secretary of the U.S. Army; to all members of the  
25 U.S. House of Representative Armed Services Committee and all members of the U.S.



- 1 Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
- 2 Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
- 3 Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF JUNE 2018.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

  
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**THOMAS C. ADA**  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**DENNIS S. RODRIGUEZ, JR.**  
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## SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR

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### COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

**Resolution No. 451-34 (COR) –Therese M. Terlaje, Thomas C. Ada, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Fernando Esteves, Telena Cruz Nelson, Joe S. San Agustin, Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. – “Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Gu'ahan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant Major Juan Ogo Blaz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; to further recognizing him for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; and to further honoring him for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross award.”**

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member					
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	TMT	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	6/7/18	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Staff Contact Person: Jocelyn de Guia

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7 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Name: MARCO FERNANDEZ

Date: 6/7/18

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

