

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÂTTRO 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
452-34 (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 posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and <i>I Liheslaturan Guáhan</i> 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.	6/5/18 2:30 p.m.	6/8/18 8:00 a.m.	6/7/18 11:12 a.m.					

Resolution No. 452-34 (COR)

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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 preponderance 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 First Class Vicente T. Dydasco is from Guam and would be classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, in the Republic of Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his valorous and heroic act at the battle of Boi Lai Woods, October 28, 1967. His DSC was issued June 6, 1994, by Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam, General Orders No. 2599 (May 30, 1968). 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 First Class Vicente T. Dydasco (ASN: RA-10106217), 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 C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Sergeant First Class Dydasco distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 28 October, 1967, as platoon sergeant with an infantry battalion on a search and destroy mission in the Boi Lai Woods of Vietnam. While clearing a night defensive position a sister company became heavily engaged by an unknown sized enemy force. As Sergeant Dydasco's platoon moved to aid the beleaguered force, an enemy complex consisting of sixty well-fortified bunkers connected by fighting trenches was encountered. Immediately deploying his unit to provide covering fire, he and three others advanced to locate the insurgents. He observed three Viet Cong moving to another bunker and wounded one before his weapon jammed. Armed only with grenades, he crawled after the enemy. Upon reaching the bunker they occupied, he hurled his grenades into it, destroying the fortification and killing the insurgents. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he maneuvered among the hostile fortifications and destroyed seven bunkers with well-placed grenades. He then moved back to his men and led them into the enemy complex. His force encountered intense automatic weapons fire, and he fearlessly advanced alone to find the location of the emplacement. With bullets striking all around him, he crawled through the complex. A sniper in a tree opened up on him, and he killed the insurgent with a deadly burst from his rifle. He continued his tenacious advance, located the enemy gunner and destroyed his position with a grenade. He then led his platoon in an orderly withdrawal to allow artillery strikes to soften the enemy positions. Sergeant First Class Dydasco'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 First Class Vicente T. Dydasco, in a valiant act of heroism, instantly exposed himself without regard to his own personal safety to lead his platoon in a search and destroy mission when the unit received intense fire from unknown enemy sized force. He maneuvered and deployed his unit to deliver suppressive fire against an entrenched enemy complex of sixty (60) well-fortified bunkers. He personally charged the enemy complex with grenades and credited with destroying seven (7) bunkers. Once the enemy threat subsided, he ordered the withdrawal of the unit to allow artillery strikes to soften the enemy. 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 several of his comrades from serious injury and possible death. His conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 Program 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 First Class Dydasco meets the prerequisites in the NDAA 2017 and The Native American Pacific Programs 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 *Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *Liheslaturan Guahan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; does further recognize him posthumously 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 posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; and does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco 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 the family of the late Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco; 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 Magsaluden Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 7TH 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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THERESE M. TERLAJE

Chairperson of the Committee
On Culture and Justice

I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan
34th 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

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

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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, during the War in Vietnam, the people of Guam provided over six**
4 **thousand (6,000) of her finest men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the**

1 preponderance either were drafted or enlisted in the United States Army. Seventy-seven
2 (77) were killed and many were wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming
3 casualties of the war; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco is from Guam and would
5 be classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Company C, 1st
6 Battalion, 27th Infantry, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, US Army, in the Republic
7 of Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his valorous
8 and heroic act at the battle of Boi Lai Woods, October 28, 1967. His DSC was issued
9 June 6, 1994, by Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam, General Orders No. 2599 (May
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11 “The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of
12 Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in
13 presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant First Class Vicente T.
14 Dydasco (ASN: RA-10106217), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism
15 in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile
16 force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion,
17 27th Infantry, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Sergeant First Class Dydasco
18 distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 28 October, 1967, as
19 platoon sergeant with an infantry battalion on a search and destroy mission in the
20 Boi Loi Woods of Vietnam. While clearing a night defensive position a sister
21 company became heavily engaged by an unknown sized enemy force. As
22 Sergeant Dydasco’s platoon moved to aid the beleaguered force, an enemy
23 complex consisting of sixty well-fortified bunkers connected by fighting trenches
24 was encountered. Immediately deploying his unit to provide covering fire, he and
25 three others advanced to locate the insurgents. He observed three Viet Cong
26 moving to another bunker and wounded one before his weapon jammed. Armed

1 only with grenades, he crawled after the enemy. Upon reaching the bunker they
2 occupied, he hurled his grenades into it, destroying the fortification and killing
3 the insurgents. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he maneuvered
4 among the hostile fortifications and destroyed seven bunkers with well-placed
5 grenades. He then moved back to his men and led them into the enemy complex.
6 His force encountered intense automatic weapons fire, and he fearlessly advanced
7 alone to find the location of the emplacement. With bullets striking all around
8 him, he crawled through the complex. A sniper in a tree opened up on him, and
9 he killed the insurgent with a deadly burst from his rifle. He continued his
10 tenacious advance, located the enemy gunner and destroyed his position with a
11 grenade. He then led his platoon in an orderly withdrawal to allow artillery strikes
12 to soften the enemy positions. Sergeant First Class Dydasco's extraordinary
13 heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the
14 military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United
15 States Army."

16 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant First Class Vicente T. Dydasco, in a valiant act of
17 heroism, instantly exposed himself without regard to his own personal safety to lead his
18 platoon in a search and destroy mission when the unit received intense fire from
19 unknown enemy sized force. He maneuvered and deployed his unit to deliver
20 suppressive fire against an entrenched enemy complex of sixty (60) well-fortified
21 bunkers. He personally charged the enemy complex with grenades and credited with
22 destroying seven (7) bunkers. Once the enemy threat subsided, he ordered the
23 withdrawal of the unit to allow artillery strikes to soften the enemy. Through his
24 extraordinary initiative, outstanding leadership acumen, and inspiring valor above and
25 beyond the call of duty in the face of almost certain death, he saved several of his
26 comrades from serious injury and possible death. His conspicuous gallantry and

1 intrepidity at the risk of his life were above and beyond the call of duty and upheld the
2 highest traditions of the United States Army; and

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

11 **WHEREAS**, the Native American Pacifics Program Act 1974 (42 § U.S.C.
12 2992c(6)) defines Native American Pacific Islander as an individual who is indigenous
13 to a U.S. territory or possession in the Pacific Ocean and includes such individuals while
14 residing in the U.S.; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant First Class Dydasco meets the prerequisites in the NDAA
16 2017 and The Native American Pacific Programs Act for expedited review and
17 consideration for the Medal of Honor award; now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
20 of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan*
21 *Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Sergeant First Class Vicente T.
22 Dydasco, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; does further recognize him
23 posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and
24 unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; does further
25 honor him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; and


1 does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Sergeant First Class Vicente T.
2 Dydasco for the Medal of Honor pursuant to the NDAA 2017; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
5 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Sergeant First Class Vicente
6 T. Dydasco; to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command; to the Secretary of the U.S.
7 Army; to all members of the U.S. House of Representative Armed Services Committee
8 and all members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable
9 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to
10 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
IMINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 7TH DAY
OF JUNE 2018.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker



THOMAS C. ADA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.
Acting Legislative Secretary

Senator Thomas C. Ada,
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz,
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Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,
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SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 452-34 (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 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.”

	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	TML	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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Sponsor Signature: TML

Staff Contact Person: Jocelyn de Guia

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7 Certified _____ Returned _____

Name: MARCO FERNANDEZ

Date: 6/7/18

Notes: _____

