

**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
453-34 (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 Guåhan</i> 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.	6/5/18 2:30 p.m.	6/8/18 8:00 a.m.	6/7/18 11:12 a.m.					

Resolution No. 453-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

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 wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming casualties of the war; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz is from Guam and would be classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Troop B, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, U.S. Army, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on October 6, 1966 (Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam, General Order No. 5937). 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 Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz (ASN: RA 50010125), 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 Troop B, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. On 30 June 1966, Staff Sergeant Cruz was serving as a track commander of the last vehicle in a column movement during a search and destroy mission along Highway 13. When his unit received intense hostile fire from a Viet Cong Regiment, Staff Sergeant Cruz observed that the insurgents were closing in from the rear in an attempt to cut off the column. He immediately swung his track around and delivered suppressive fire onto the attacking Viet Cong. For more than an hour, he prevented the insurgent force from breaching the rear of the column. When a nearby tank was hit by hostile fire which killed the tank commander and wounded the three crew members, Staff Sergeant Cruz, with complete disregard for his safety, rushed to the burning tank, pulled out all three stricken crewmen, and carried them to the cover of his armored personnel carrier. He then administered first aid to his wounded comrades and took them to the evacuation area. Although he was wounded while pulling the wounded soldiers from the vehicle, Staff Sergeant Cruz refused to be evacuated. Instead, he resupplied his carrier with ammunition and returned to the front of the battle area to provide covering fire for the evacuation of the wounded. When his machine gun barrel melted due to the intense rate of fire, he jumped from his tank and secured another weapon from a disabled carrier. He refused to be evacuated when wounded a second time. When the Viet Cong fire subsided, Staff Sergeant Cruz maneuvered his vehicle to the rear and evacuated his wounded comrades. He then re-supplied his track with ammunition, returned to the battle area, and remained there until the end of the engagement. Staff Sergeant Cruz'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, Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz, in a valiant act of heroism, delivered suppressive fire for over an hour against the attacking Viet Cong in an attempt to cut off and breach the unit. He personally pulled out three (3) wounded crewmen from their burning tank, thus saving their lives. When he was wounded, he refused evacuation and remained in the area until the end of the engagement. Through his extraordinary initiative, outstanding leadership, 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 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 limitation 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, Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz 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 Minna'trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz, 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 appropriate expeditious consideration of Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz 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 Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz; 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 Representatives, 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 Magalaban Guåhan*.

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

BENJAMIN J. 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 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:**

3           **WHEREAS**, during the War in Vietnam, the people of Guam provided over six  
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1 preponderance either were drafted or enlisted in the United States Army. Seventy-seven  
2 (77) were killed and many wounded, physically and emotionally, becoming casualties  
3 of the war; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz is from Guam and would be  
5 classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served with Troop B, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron,  
6 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, US Army, and was awarded the Distinguished Service  
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13 military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic  
14 of Vietnam, while serving with Troop B, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry  
15 Division. On 30 June 1966, Staff Sergeant Cruz was serving as a track  
16 commander of the last vehicle in a column movement during a search and destroy  
17 mission along Highway 13. When his unit received intense hostile fire from a  
18 Viet Cong Regiment, Staff Sergeant Cruz observed that the insurgents were  
19 closing in from the rear in an attempt to cut off the column. He immediately  
20 swung his track around and delivered suppressive fire onto the attacking Viet  
21 Cong. For more than an hour, he prevented the insurgent force from breaching  
22 the rear of the column. When a nearby tank was hit by hostile fire which killed  
23 the tank commander and wounded the three crew members, Staff Sergeant Cruz,  
24 with complete disregard for his safety, rushed to the burning tank, pulled out all  
25 three stricken crewmen, and carried them to the cover of his armored personnel  
26 carrier. He then administered first aid to his wounded comrades and took them to

1 the evacuation area. Although he was wounded while pulling the wounded  
2 soldiers from the vehicle, Staff Sergeant Cruz refused to be evacuated. Instead,  
3 he resupplied his carrier with ammunition and returned to the front of the battle  
4 area to provide covering fire for the evacuation of the wounded. When his  
5 machine gun barrel melted due to the intense rate of fire, he jumped from his tank  
6 and secured another weapon from a disabled carrier. He refused to be evacuated  
7 when wounded a second time. When the Viet Cong fire subsided, Staff Sergeant  
8 Cruz maneuvered his vehicle to the rear and evacuated his wounded comrades.  
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10 remained there until the end of the engagement. Staff Sergeant Cruz's  
11 extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest  
12 traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his, unit,  
13 and the United States Army."

14 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz, in a valiant act of heroism,  
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16 to cut off and breach the unit. He personally pulled out three (3) wounded crewmen  
17 from their burning tank, thus saving their lives. When he was wounded, he refused  
18 evacuation and remained in the area until the end of the engagement. Through his  
19 extraordinary initiative, outstanding leadership acumen, and inspiring valor above and  
20 beyond the call of duty in the face of almost certain death, he saved several of his  
21 comrades from serious injury and possible death. His conspicuous gallantry and  
22 intrepidity at the risk of his life were above and beyond the call of duty and upheld the  
23 highest traditions of the United States Army; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the National Defense Authorization Act 2017 (Public Law 114-  
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26 records of certain eligible veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars who are of Asian

1 American or Native American Pacific Island descent and were previously awarded the  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz meets the prerequisites in the  
11 NDAA 2017 and the Native American Pacific Program Act for expedited review and  
12 consideration for the Medal of Honor award; now therefore, be it


13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Kuattro Na*  
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
15 of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and the *I*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Staff Sergeant Enrique  
17 C. Cruz, United States Army, during the War in Vietnam; does further recognize him  
18 posthumously for his professionalism, honor, courage, integrity, commitment, and  
19 unselfish service to the United States of America and the Island of Guam; does further  
20 honor him posthumously for having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; and  
21 does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Staff Sergeant Enrique C. Cruz for  
22 the Medal of Honor pursuant to the NDAA 2017; and be it further


23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
25 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Staff Sergeant Enrique C.  
26 Cruz; to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command; to the Secretary of the U.S.



1 Army; to all members of the U.S. House of Representative Armed Services Committee  
2 and all members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the Honorable  
3 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to  
4 the Honorable Edward J.B. 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 G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.**  
Acting Legislative Secretary

Senator Thomas C. Ada,  
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz,  
Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,  
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## COMMITTEE ON RULES

### SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR

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LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY • 34<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

### COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

**Resolution No. 453-34 (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 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.”**

	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	TMM	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: <u>TMM</u>	
Staff Contact Person: <u>Tacelyn de Guica</u>	
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<u>7</u> Certified	Returned
Name: <u>MARCO FERNANDEZ</u>	
Date: <u>6/7/18</u>	
Notes:	

