

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
455-34 (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 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.	6/5/18 2:30 p.m.	6/8/18 8:00 a.m.	6/7/18 11:12 a.m.					

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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, Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez is from Guam and would be classified as Native American Pacific Islander who served in Vietnam. He was assigned to Company C, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army, near the Cambodian Border on May 26, 1967 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 Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez (ASN: RA-50011800), 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, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. Specialist Four Perez distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 26 May 1967 as a fire team leader of an infantry company conducting a search and destroy mission near the Cambodian border. As the unit reached the crest of a hill, it came under heavy sniper fire from tree lines to the front and left flank. The commanding officer was mortally wounded by the initial volley. Specialist Perez directed the troops to seek cover while he remained exposed to the enemy and hid down suppressive fire. Several men took cover behind a log to escape the hostile barrage. As Specialist Perez joined them, the enemy began to employ mortars and rockets in addition to small arms fire. He and the small group behind the log were temporarily immobilized and forced to remain in that position, returning fire as effectively as possible. Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in front of Specialist Perez. Without hesitation, he seized the grenade and absorbed its explosion with his own body to shield his comrades from the blast. He lay unconscious in the open area for approximately twenty minutes as continuing insurgent fire prevented anyone from going to his aid. Upon regaining consciousness, he crawled twenty meters to a point where he could be reached and treated by medics. His heroic act enables his fire team to remain an effective fighting force and saved several of its members from being severely wounded or killed. Specialist Four Perez'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, Specialist Fourth Class Perez, in a valiant act of heroism, instantly threw himself upon a grenade to shield his comrades from the blast, thus absorbing with his own body the full and tremendous force of the explosion resulting in the loss of his right hand and right eye. In spite of the severity of his wounds, he survived and managed to crawl to a safe area where he could be evacuated to the rear and treated. 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. 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 Programs Act 1974 (42 U.S.C. §2992 e(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, Specialist Fourth Class Perez 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 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, express posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* for the unselfish valorous and heroic act of Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez, 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 being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; and does further anticipate expeditious consideration of Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez 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 of the Committee, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Specialist Fourth Class Joseph Meno Perez, 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 Madeline Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magsa'laban 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



Handwritten signatures and date: Bcu, P... 6/8/18



OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER

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.”

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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 KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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26 temporarily immobilized and forced to remain in that position, returning fire as

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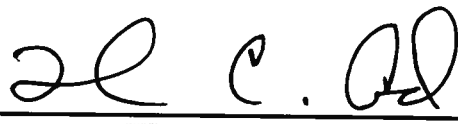
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Specialist Fourth Class
24 Joseph Meno Perez; to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command; to the Secretary of
25 the U.S. Army; to all members of the U.S. House of Representative Armed Services
26 Committee and all members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services; to the

1 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of
2 Representatives; and to 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 7TH DAY
OF JUNE 2018.**



BENJAMÍN 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,
Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 455-34 (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 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.”

	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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 Name: MARCO FERNANDEZ
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