

***I MINA 'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Intro</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>
<b>525-34 (COR)</b>	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing, commending, and congratulating Mr. Raymond Arceo San Nicolas on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Fire Department; and to further expressing Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to him for his commitment and dedication in providing thirty-four (34) years of outstanding service to the government and people of Guam.	10/16/18 8:49 a.m.	10/18/18 12:30 p.m.

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**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA***  
2        ***LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS,** Raymond Arceo San Nicolas has dedicated thirty-five (35) years  
4        of service to the government of Guam, working at the Guam Fire Department (GFD).  
5        He is the son of +Vicente T. and +Juana A. San Nicolas, and one of eleven (11)  
6        children. Raymond will be celebrating his retirement with his loving wife of 26 years,  
7        Rosemarie Gogo San Nicolas; their three children, Raena Jo, Roseanne, and Ray  
8        Vicente; and their two beautiful grandchildren, Hadrian Ray and Olivia Rosemaria;

9        **WHEREAS,** Raymond was born and raised in the village of *Ordot*, where he  
10       continues to live with Rosemarie and their family;

11       **WHEREAS,** upon the encouragement and advice of his parents, Raymond  
12       enrolled in the Fire Service in May 1989, with the 11th Fire Cycle. He graduated in  
13       October that year, and began working at Station 1, the Tamuning Fire Station, where  
14       he would work for the next two years;

1           **WHEREAS**, Raymond was assigned to the GFD's Search and Rescue Unit in  
2 1991, where we would work faithfully for the next sixteen (16) years, rotating  
3 assignments throughout the island (with Rescues 1, 2, 3, and 4) and performing  
4 countless missions in that time;

5           **WHEREAS**, while working for Search and Rescue, Raymond performed  
6 several successful life-saving missions, but also witnessed firsthand the tragedy of  
7 lives lost, including those of young people and children;

8           **WHEREAS**, Raymond's search and rescue missions include but are not limited  
9 to land searches in treacherous jungles and other rough inland terrain; water rescues in  
10 inclement weather, involving diving in rough waters, using jet skis, and driving rescue  
11 boats to save distressed swimmers and help other seriously injured persons; and, on  
12 occasion, the recovery of the bodies of individuals who died in tragic circumstances;

13           **WHEREAS**, Raymond and his fellow firemen, never knowing when  
14 emergencies would arise, would often leave their homes and families in the dead of  
15 night to respond to them, often not knowing what would be required until they arrived  
16 on the scene, engaging in split-second decision-making to mitigate dangerous  
17 situations and save lives;

18           **WHEREAS**, while assigned to Search and Rescue, Raymond was awarded the  
19 GFD's second highest award, the Silver Star Award, for his quick thinking and  
20 survival skills (acquired from his service with the U.S. Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Unit),  
21 which resulted in saving a local teenager who had fallen and was trapped in a hole  
22 deep in the *Talofof* jungles. Raymond and his co-workers were able to retrieve the  
23 boy, who sustained only minor injuries from the fall;

24           **WHEREAS**, the most significant of all search and rescue missions occurred in  
25 the early morning hours of August 6, 1997, with the crash of Korean Airlines Flight  
26 No. 801. Raymond, who was working with Rescue Unit 3 in Agat at the time, was one

1 of the first responders on the scene. He vividly recalls trailing through the deep *sakâti*,  
2 struggling to make his way to the crash site to find, and hopefully save, any survivors.  
3 Sadly, most of the 256 passengers aboard that flight, including many young children,  
4 did not make it;

5         **WHEREAS**, throughout Raymond’s career with the GFD, he has held other  
6 positions in other units such as the Suppression Unit, where he spent five (5) years  
7 fighting grassfires in the southern end of Guam, and the Fire Prevention Unit, where  
8 he served as a Fire Inspector and a nationally registered EMT. According to  
9 Raymond, the most rewarding thing about his work as a fireman has been the ability  
10 to serve others, especially in their time of need; now therefore, be it

11         **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Kuattro Na*  
12 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the people  
13 of Guam, recognize, commend, and congratulate Mr. Raymond Arceo San Nicolas on  
14 the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Fire Department; and does further  
15 express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his commitment and dedication  
16 in providing thirty-five (35) years of outstanding service to the government and people  
17 of Guam; and be it further

18         **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules  
19 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
20 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Raymond Arceo San Nicolas; and to the  
21 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**

**Acting Speaker**

**Legislative Secretary**

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