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AN ACT TO DESIGNATE ROUTE 6 (HALSEY DRIVE AND SPRUANCE DRIVE) AS "KOREAN WAR VETERANS DRIVE" BY ADDING A NEW §849.6 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ALL VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR FOR THE PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF LIBERTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that numerous people from Guam served in the United States Armed Forces when the United States participated in an international police action and sent its military to aid the people of South Korea when they were invaded by 75,000 North Korean soldiers. Participating in the United States' military efforts were 150 soldiers from Guam who courageously served in combat to assist the people of South Korea who were under attack. These Korean War Veterans of Guam were placed in harms way and extreme weather conditions to honorably carry out their duties.

I Liheslaturan also finds that among the numerous veterans from Guam who served in the Korean War, twenty-one (21) Chamorro's paid the ultimate sacrifice when they were killed in action. These Veterans from Guam showed their true patriotism to the United States by supporting its efforts to secure freedom for the South Korean people.

Therefore this provision would extend the recognition and honor on behalf of the people of Guam to the Veterans who served in the Korean War through the renaming of Route 6, a beautiful and mountainous roadway, reminiscent of the hills and sites of Korea, as "Korean War Veterans Drive." The naming of the road will also serve as a memorial to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in serving their island and country.

Section 2: Designation of Route 6, the "Korean War Veterans Drive."

A new section §849.6 is hereby added to Chapter 8, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"§849.6. Designation of Route 6 as "Korean War Veterans Drive."

- (a) Name Change. Route 6, in honor of all Korean War Veterans from Guam, is hereby designated as "Korean War Veterans Drive"; from its northern junction with Marine Corps Drive (Route 1), Maina (Halsey Drive), to its southern junction with Marine Corps Drive (Route 1), Piti (Spruance Drive).
 - (i) The Department of Public Works shall post signs along the newly designated "Korean War Veterans Drive," Route 6, at appropriate intersection locations that visibly identify the drive's official name. The Department of Public Works shall provide for the placement of appropriate signage in visibly prominent locations at both the intersections of Marine Corps Drive (Route 1), Maina and Marine Corps Drive (Route 1), Piti. The Department may further provide for a monument to be situated at an appropriate location along the "Korean War Veterans Drive" for the purpose of honoring Guam's veterans of the Korean War.

(b) Authorization to Receive Donations. The Department of Public Works shall be authorized to receive donations from non-governmental organizations, individuals and businesses for the purpose of, but not limited to, the placement of signage, the construction of a memorial structure, and/or the maintenance of "Korean War Veterans Drive."

- **Section 3: Effective Date.** This act *shall* take effect immediately upon enactment.
- Section 4: Severability. *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.