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Relative to recognizing Senior Airman Jerome Ibanez for his efforts in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; to commending and congratulating him for the singular achievement of being awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal early in his career; and to further extending a most sincere *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to him for his honorable service to our island and country.

1 **WHEREAS**, Senior Airman Jerome Ibanez, a resident of *Toto*, Guam,
2 was deployed to Afghanistan in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom,
3 where he served as a Systems Administrator; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Senior Airman Ibanez was assigned to the Information
5 Technology Directorate, National Cryptologic Representative Afghanistan,
6 while supporting the U.S. Ambassador and the international security assistance
7 forces in the Afghani theater of operations; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during his deployment, Senior Airman Ibanez frequently
9 worked under the grueling weather conditions prevalent in Afghanistan in order
10 to ensure the continuity of IT operations, and he had volunteered numerous
11 times, often outside of his job specialty, to work at forward operating bases,
12 while also maintaining and transforming network access points at more than
13 twenty (20) facilities in the country; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Airman Ibanez also programmed and performed
15 maintenance on more than three hundred (300) unique network communications
16 systems, supporting data integration for joint and coalition operations, and he
17 was one (1) of only five (5) dedicated IT experts in the entire theater of
18 operations during his deployment; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Senior Airman Ibanez's commitment to the United States
20 Air Force's core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence
21 in All We Do," enabled him to become one of the recipients on a very short list
22 of junior members to have received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal at
23 such an early stage of his military career; and

24 **WHEREAS**, an acknowledgement of the accomplishments and
25 achievements of Senior Airman Jerome Ibanez, a son of Guam, is in order, and
26 he therefore deserves appropriate recognition and honor from *I Liheslaturan*

1 *Guåhan*; now, therefore, be it

2 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
3 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Senior
4 Airman Jerome Ibanez for being one of a very select group of Airmen to
5 receive the Defense Meritorious Service Medal at such an early stage of his
6 military career; and does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os*
7 *Ma'ase* to Senior Airman Jerome Ibanez for his exemplary service in the United
8 States Air Force in Guam, and around the world; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
10 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
11 transmitted to Senior Airman Jerome Ibanez; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
12 Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.


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