

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating Sergeant Major Norma Jean Pangelinan Helsham on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-two (32) years of dedicated service in the United States Army; and to further commending her for her many achievements, and for her devotion to serving our country, and to protecting our people and our freedom.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Major Helsham was born on November 3, 1958, to proud parents, Frank Tenorio Pangelinan and Helen Rudolphia Aflague Pangelinan, and she was raised in the village of *Mangilao*; and

**WHEREAS**, SGM Helsham is the mother of Maria Helsham, Richard Helsham and Nicolas Helsham; and is the grandmother of Kaelyn and Kyrie Helsham; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, SGM Helsham received her diploma from Evergreen High School; and she began her career in the United States Army on August 24, 1979,

1 completing her Basic Training at Fort Jackson, North Carolina, and Advanced  
2 Individual Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama; and

3       **WHEREAS**, SGM Helsham's military education includes the Primary  
4 Leadership and Development Course; the Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course;  
5 the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course; the First Sergeant's Course; the  
6 Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Course; and the U.S. Army Sergeant Major  
7 Academy. SGM Helsham also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Professional Aeronautics  
8 from Riddle University; and

9       **WHEREAS**, SGM Helsham served as Senior Advisor to the Sergeant Major of  
10 the Army, serving as the principal advisor for a Department of the Army panel to  
11 develop a new reporting record for senior noncommissioned officers; as a principal  
12 contributing member of a panel tasked to rewrite Army policy for wear, appearance  
13 and grooming standards for all soldiers; and as a principal planner and executioner for  
14 the movement of fifty (50) USO entertainers traveling to Iraq and Afghanistan to  
15 support our soldiers; and

16       **WHEREAS**, while assigned to the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Forces in  
17 Italy and Germany, SGM Helsham served as the principal advisor on assignments and  
18 professional development positions for all aviation operations personnel serving in  
19 USAREUR, where she was responsible for the integration and coordination of all  
20 aviation assets supporting visiting dignitaries; she served in a variety of leadership and  
21 training positions, including Principal Senior Enlisted Trainer for four (4) Aviation  
22 Brigades, where a total of more than twelve thousand (12,000) soldiers were assigned;  
23 and she also served as the Senior Enlisted Trainer for the training and preparation of  
24 more than eight thousand (8,000) soldiers preparing for the invasion of Iraq; and

25       **WHEREAS**, throughout her thirty-two (32) year career, SGM Helsham  
26 served in every enlisted leadership position in Aviation Operations to her final

1 position as Sergeant Major, including as Sergeant Major with the Operations Group in  
2 Hohenfels, Germany, and the USAREUR G3 Aviation Division Sergeant Major; and


3 **WHEREAS**, throughout her military career, SGM Helsham received numerous  
4 awards and decorations, including: the Legion of Merit; the Army Meritorious Service  
5 Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Good Conduct Medal; the National  
6 Defense Ribbon; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; the Global War  
7 on Terrorism Service Medal; the Korea Service Medal; the NCOES Ribbon; the Army  
8 Service Ribbon; Overseas Ribbons; and the Department of Army Staff Badge; now  
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Sergeant Major Norma  
12 Jean Pangelinan Helsham on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-two (32) years  
13 of dedicated service in the United States Army, and does further commend her for her  
14 many achievements, and for her devotion to serving our country, and to protecting our  
15 people and our freedom; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
17 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sergeant  
18 Major Norma Jean Pangelinan Helsham; to Mr. And Mrs. Frank and Helen  
19 Pangelinan; to Maria Helsham, Richard Helsham and Nicolas Helsham; and to the  
20 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2011.**

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Acting Speaker

  
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary