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**Relative to recognizing and commending the Helicopter Sea
Combat Squadron Twenty-Five (25) for their contributions
to Upi Elementary School community.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Twenty Five (HC-5) was
4 initially established as Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Five (HC-5) at Naval Air
5 Station (NAS) *Agana*, Guam, on 03 February 1984, and as the “Providers”, HC-5 flew
6 the H-46D “Sea Knight”, moving to Andersen Air Force Base in 1996 after NAS
7 *Agana* was closed, and was re-designated as the “Island Knights” on 21 April 2005,

1 HSC-25 provides logistic support for the U.S. Pacific Fleet in the navy's newest
2 helicopter, the MH-60S "Knighthawk", and the squadron employs approximately
3 eighty (80) officers and four hundred (400) enlisted personnel to fly and maintain the
4 fleet of 14 MH-60S; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, HSC-25 is the first and only forward-deployed vertical
6 replenishment (VERTREP) squadron in the navy and is tasked with supporting
7 Seventh Fleet units in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, North Arabian Sea, and
8 Persian Gulf, and to provide this support, HSC-25 embarks two-aircraft detachments
9 aboard Military Sealift Command vessels which provide transportation of equipment,
10 fuel, supplies and ammunition to sustain U.S. forces worldwide, and, additionally, the
11 squadron was tasked in 1992 to provide a permanent Search and Rescue (SAR)
12 detachment aboard the *USS Belleau Wood* (LHA 3), and in the spring of 1996, HSC-
13 25 deployed their first night vision device capable amphibious SAR detachment to
14 *USS Belleau Wood* (LHA 3), and in the fall of 2000, the SAR detachment was
15 permanently moved from the *USS Belleau Wood* to the *USS Essex* (LHD 2); and,

16 **WHEREAS**, in the Fall of 2005, HSC-25 was again the first HSC Squadron to
17 assume a new mission, providing essential Air Ambulance services for Coalition
18 Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) in Camp Buering, Kuwait; and,

19 **WHEREAS**, being the only navy squadron on board Andersen Air Force Base,
20 Guam, HSC-25 rapidly incorporated itself into "Team Andersen", and in addition to
21 VERTREP, HSC-25 provides twenty-four hour (overland/over-water) SAR/Medical
22 Evacuation (MEDEVAC) services for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern
23 Mariana Islands, and averaging over 30 rescues and 70 MEDEVACs per year, HSC-
24 25 also conducts airborne firefighting utilizing externally carried buckets, Vertical
25 Onboard Delivery (VOD), drone and torpedo recovery, special operations airborne

1 support, and fleet logistics support for all military activities in the Guam area,
2 including the Maritime Prepositioned Ships (MPS) operating in the local area; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, since February 1984, HSC-25 has moved millions of tons of
4 supplies and ammunition, as well as thousands of personnel, providing much of the
5 logistic power to the Seventh and Fifth Fleets, and the aircraft of HSC-25 have
6 operated as “angels of mercy” on numerous occasions, accomplishing emergency
7 medevac and rescue missions and participating in Operations TRI-CRAB, Southern
8 Watch, United Shield, Cobra Gold, Vigilant Sentinel, Tandem Thrust and most
9 recently Unified Assistance, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, the HSC-25 was established on 21 April 2005 upon the
11 disestablishment of HC-5, originally commissioned on 03 February 1984, HC-5
12 developed a reputation for exceptional service and support to Fifth and Seventh Fleets
13 and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and the HSC-25 insignia was
14 developed to acknowledge its honorable legacy and embrace our exciting future; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, the trident held by the eagle symbolizes the emphasis being
16 placed on the combat capabilities of the helicopter in the maritime environment as
17 well as pays homage to our naval heritage, and the loads hanging from the trident
18 represent our past, present, and future mission of VERTREP, and the five (5) stars
19 remain as a legacy to HC-5, and the globe is arranged to represent our Area of
20 Operation and our service to the Pacific Fleet, and the black background represents the
21 expanding night capabilities of our pilots and aircraft; and,

22 **WHEREAS**, HSC-25 understands the importance of developing positive
23 relationships with the community which they serve, they formed partnerships with
24 schools to do volunteer work and, in particular, Upi Elementary School in *Yigo*, which
25 sits outside the Andersen Air Force Base gates has been adopted by the squadron;
26 through this partnership, the HSC-25 squadron has been able to contribute in various

1 ways to the school through various volunteer activities, including, but not limited to:
2 campus clean up efforts, Kindergarten and fifth-grade promotions, the Totots Giving
3 Hands Project, sports tournament/lunch supervision, Department of Education
4 Extended Day afterschool program, tutoring services, physical education activities,
5 career day events, the Big Brother-Big Sister Program, Taking Responsibility for Upi
6 Students Together (T.R.U.S.T.) Sponsorship of a student program, performing arts
7 activities, Go Green/Service Learning activities, Special Olympics events, science fair
8 judging, 5K Run/Walk events, Spring carnival events, donating of water blasting
9 equipment as well as computer keyboards and *Chamorro* dictionaries; and, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
11 of Guam do hereby, recognize and commend the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron
12 Twenty-Five for their contributions to Upi Elementary School community; and be it
13 further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
15 attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
16 Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Twenty-Five (25); and to the Honorable Edward
17 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 4TH OF JUNE 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary