

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 596-31 (COR)

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Relative recognizing and commending Mr. Arthur F. Mesa for his exceptional service to our island Veterans; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his many years of dedicated advocacy, and his invaluable contributions to the Veteran community of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**
2 ***IMINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Arthur F. “Art” Mesa was born in 1951, in Bisbee, Arizona.**
4 **He is married to Marie E. Mesa; and is the father of Monique and Taryn, the**
5 **stepfather of Brad, and the grandfather of Reagan; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Art enlisted in the United States Army in 1969, and from 1970 to
2 1971, Art had served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division; and he was
3 honorably discharged in 1971; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Art founded the Independent Trading Company, a
5 company that was engaged in the commercial distribution of food products,
6 appliances, and construction materials in Micronesia. In 1989, Art opened and
7 operated Eagle Freight Services, a company that provided air freight services from
8 Guam to the Midwest United States; and in 2000, Art co-founded and managed Auto
9 Services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Art served as a Board member for the Pacific Island Microcredit
11 Institute, an organization that provides micro-loans to Veterans and individuals at the
12 poverty level who are seeking self-sufficiency and business opportunities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Art received the U.S. Small Business Administration's
14 *Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year* Award; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as an advocate for Veterans, Art is the founder, editor and
16 publisher of the *Guam Veterans Magazine*, a quarterly publication for the Guam
17 Veteran community; and he began the *Guam Vet Talk Show*, a radio talk show that
18 provides a venue for Veterans to bring up issues affecting them, and to engage in
19 dialogue and to share information with the community; and he has assisted numerous
20 Veterans in initiating their applications for Veterans Benefits for service-related
21 disabilities, as well as being actively involved with the planning for the annual
22 Veterans Day ceremonies, and other activities aimed at helping fellow Veterans; and

23 **WHEREAS**, after thirty-five (35) years of service to our community and his
24 advocacy for Guam's Veterans, Art is moving with his wife, Marie, to Tucson,
25 Arizona; and

1 **WHEREAS**, over his long and dedicated service, Art has left a positive mark
2 on the Veteran community, and our island community as a whole, and his fellow
3 service members, friends and family wish him the best on his relocation to Arizona;
4 now therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
7 of Guam, recognize and commend Mr. Arthur F. Mesa; and does further extend a
8 most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his tireless commitment,
9 his dedicated advocacy, and his invaluable contributions to all the Veterans of Guam;
10 and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Arthur F. Mesa; and to the Honorable
14 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
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