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

## Resolution No. 597-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Thomas F. Devlin 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, Thomas F. "Tom" Devlin was born on September 5, 1948, in
- 4 New York, New York; and
- 5 WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1969, Tom served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division of
- 6 the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in Vietnam, where he participated with the

1 1st Marine Division in the Tet Offensive defending the City of Hue; and he was

medically retired from the USMC in 1969 due to wounds he received in combat

during the Vietnam War. It was at this time that Tom received a Purple Heart Medal

as a result of his combat wounds in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Tom subsequently pursued and attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Real Estate, Insurance. After graduating from the College of Traffic Management, Tom worked as a Traffic Management Advisor for the United Nations in New York City, as well as with assignments in various countries before retiring after thirty (30) years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, Tom has dedicated himself to serving as a Veterans advocate. He served as the Commander of the Guam Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH); he served as the MOPH National Service Officer, assisting Veterans and their dependents with their benefits; he assisted with the publication of *The Guam Veterans Magazine*, a quarterly publication for the Guam Veteran community; he served as a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Fleet Reserve Association of Guam; he was a founder of the Guam Chapter of Project Guiding Light, a non-profit Veterans advocacy group; he hosted *Vet Talk*, a radio talk show on K57, which has been an important resource for Veterans to bring up issues affecting them, and to engage in dialogue and to share information with each other; and

WHEREAS, in December 2012, Tom leaves us after eight (8) years; and he is moving to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he will join his daughter; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend Thomas F. Devlin for his exceptional service to our island Veterans; and does further extend a most sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os* 

- 1 Ma'ase' to him for his tireless commitment, his dedicated advocacy, and his
- 2 invaluable contributions to all the Veterans of Guam; and be it further
- 3 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
- 4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
- 5 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Thomas F. Devlin; and to the Honorable
- 6 Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D. Speaker

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