MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 140.31(Cor)Introduced by: ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR. 4

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE **GUAM** NATIONAL **GUARD** AND ITS MEMBERS, BOTH PRESENT AND RETIRED, ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS THIRTIETH (30) ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT AND SERVICE TO THE ISLAND AND THE NATION; AND EXTENDING A WARMHEARTED DANGKOLO' NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE' TO ALL GUAM GUARD **MEMBERS** FOR THEIR DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND SELFLESS SERVICE IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

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

WHEREAS, the National Guard of the United States is recognized as
 one of the oldest components of the Armed Forces and one of the nation's
 longest-enduring institutions, tracing its roots back to October 7, 1636 during
 the formation of the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; and
 WHEREAS, an equivalent military organization of the island, known as

6 the Guam Militia was originally established in 1771, re-established in 1917 and

7 fought bravely during the Japanese invasion of Guam in 1941; and

1 WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter on December 24, 1980 signed 2 Public Law 96-600 introduced by the 96th Congress, which officially 3 authorized the local establishment of the Guam National Guard; upon which 4 time Governor Paul M. Calvo served as the first Commander-In-Chief, and 5 General Robert H. Neitz was appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's Command
headquarters was officially established with 32 charter members; and over the
years, the Guam National Guard has grown to nearly 1,200 members between
both its Army and Air Force components; and

WHEREAS, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to support 10 national security objectives, and to this end it has performed admirably over 11 the years, providing valuable national security functions in this part of the 12 world and globally whenever and wherever needed; serving bravely and 13 14 valiantly in missions and deployments around the world, including recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, Korea, UAE, and 15 Philippines, in which our Guardsmen and women have repeatedly 16 distinguished themselves as outstanding members of the U.S. Armed Forces; 17 and 18

WHEREAS, members of the Guam National Guard over the years have proven themselves among the most patriotic heroes in our nation, protecting our democratic ideals and the very freedoms we enjoy every single day; in addition a unique aspect of the Guam National Guard's mission is to protect life and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting our citizens on
Guam during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives
and providing order; and

WHEREAS, the Guam National Guard's mission is to participate in 4 local, state and national programs that add value to America, with these 5 activities too numerous to name, among the most valuable have been those 6 efforts that have helped Guam recover after typhoons, earthquakes and other 7 natural disasters; furthermore, these men and women of the Guam National 8 Guard have touched so many lives, and helped so many families on Guam, 9 and protected our island people us through the toughest of times, and for this, 10 they must rightfully be honored and appreciated; now therefore be it 11

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Uno na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby 13 on behalf of the people of Guam express its Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' 14 in appreciation for the numerous contributions the members of the Guam 15 National Guard have made to our people, our island and our nation over the 16 years, and for the devoted service and courageous protection our Guardsmen 17 and women have provided to our people in the past 30 years; and be it 18 further

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Uno na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 20 on behalf of the people of Guam, extend its congratulations to the Guam 21 National Guard, in particular its members both retired and present, on the 22 celebration of its 30th anniversary, over which time its provided outstanding

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and exceptional service to the island of Guam and to the nation; and be it
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RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major General Benny M. Paulino, Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard; to the President of the Family Readiness Group; to former Governor Paul M. Calvo, first Commander-In-Chief of the Guam National Guard; and, to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS _ DAY OF _____, 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT Speaker TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES Senator and Legislative Secretary