

I MINA 'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 157 -31 (COR)

Introduced by:

R.J. RESPICIO 

Relative to commending and bidding farewell to Lieutenant Commander Matthew J. Salas on the occasion of his relocation to a new tour of duty in the U.S. mainland and to expressing a most sincere Un Dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse' for his continued service to our island and people.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Matthew J. Salas is a Chamorro member of the United States Coast Guard who graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1996, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Salas' first assignment was as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Legare, stationed out of Base Support Unit Portsmouth, Virginia. In 1998, Lieutenant Commander Salas was briefly assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Sassafras in Honolulu as an Operations Officer before crossdecking to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Walnut as the plankowner Operations Officer ; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Lieutenant Commander Salas was assigned to the Pacific Area and Eleventh District Office of Aids to Navigation in Alameda, California before returning to Hawaii in 2003 as Executive Officer of U.S. Coast Guard cutter Kukui; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Commander Salas earned a Masters of Science
2 Degree in Business Administration in 2007, from Touro University International in
3 Cypress, California; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in June 2008, after serving as Chief of the Joint Rescue
5 Coordination Center for the Coast Guard's Fourteenth District, Lieutenant
6 Commander Salas was transferred to Guam and assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard
7 cutter Sequoia as its Commanding Officer, whose primary duty is to maintain the
8 Aids to Navigation in Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Kwajalein Atoll; and

9 **WHEREAS**, between June 2008 and July 2011, Lieutenant Commander
10 Salas ensured all channels in the region were well marked and through his
11 diligence, helped to ensure the safety of all commercial and recreational vessels;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, under Lieutenant Commander Salas guidance, the U.S. Coast
14 Guard cutter Sequoia patrolled Guam's Exclusive Economic Zone, searching for
15 foreign vessels fishing illegally in Guam's waters; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, U.S. Coast Guard cutter Sequoia intercepted a vessel
17 carrying illegal narcotics between South America and Eastern Asia, preventing
18 over 2000 pounds of cocaine from reaching Asia and resulting in Lieutenant
19 Commander Salas being awarded a Special Operations ribbon; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in August 2010, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Sequoia boarded
21 two Philippine vessels that were caught fishing illegally using unlawful techniques,
22 resulting in Lieutenant Commander Salas issuing citations for 10 major violations
23 which resulted in prosecution in the Philippines; and

24 **WHEREAS**, during his tour as Commanding Officer, Lieutenant
25 Commander Salas coordinated the collection and delivery of over 3000 pounds of
26 humanitarian assistance to neighboring islands, most notably, nearly 1000 pounds

1 of clothing, farming tools, and toys to the residents of Ulithi Atoll and Woleai
2 Island in December 2010; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Commander Salas' personal awards include the
4 U.S. Coast Guard Commendation Medal, two U.S. Coast Guard Achievement
5 Medals, and two Commandant's Letter of Commendations; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Commander Salas will be leaving Guam and
7 transferring to a new duty station in the U.S. mainland in July 2011; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na*
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
11 people of Guam, encourage the people of Guam to join in thanking Lieutenant
12 Commander Salas on the occasion of his new assignment and in expressing our
13 gratitude for his service to Guam, Micronesia, and the United States of America;
14 and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
16 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
17 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to copies of the same be
18 thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant Commander Matthew J. Salas and to the
19 Honorable Edward Baza Calvo, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS
____ DAY OF JUNE 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary