



I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 441-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

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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.

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

WHEREAS, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Twenty Five (HC-5) was initially established as Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Five (HC-5) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Agana, Guam on 03 Ferbraury 1984, and as the “Providers,” HC-5 flew the H-46D “Sea Knight,” moving to Andersen Air Force Base in 1996 after NAS Agana was closed, and was re-designated as the “Island Knights” on 21 April 2005, HSC-25 provides logistic support for the U.S. Pacific Fleet in the navy’s newest helicopter, the MH-60S “Knighthawk,” and the squadron employs approximately eighty (80) officers and four hundred (400) enlisted personnel to fly and maintain the fleet of 14 MH-60S; and,

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

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

4 **WHEREAS**, being the only navy squadron on board Andersen Air Force Base, Guam,
5 HSC-25 rapidly incorporated itself into “Team Andersen,” and in addition to VERTREP, HSC-
6 25 provides twenty-four hour (overland/over-water) SAR/Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC)
7 services for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and averaging over
8 30 rescues and 70 MEDEVACs per year, HSC-25 also conducts airborne firefighting utilizing
9 externally carried buckets, Vertical Onboard Delivery (VOD), drone and torpedo recovery,
10 special operations airborne support, and fleet logistics support for all military activities in the
11 Guam area, including the Maritime Prepositioned Ships (MPS) operating in the local area; and,

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

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

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

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1 **WHEREAS**, HSC-25 understands the importance of developing positive relationships
2 with the community which they serve, they formed partnerships with schools to do volunteer work
3 and, in particular, Upi Elementary School in Yigo, which sits outside the Andersen Air Force
4 Base gates has been adopted by the squadron; through this partnership, the HSC-25 squadron has
5 been able to contribute in various ways to the school through various volunteer activities,
6 including, but not limited to: campus clean up efforts, Kindergarten and fifth-grade promotions,
7 the Totots Giving Hands Project, sports tournament/lunch supervision, Department of Education
8 Extended Day afterschool program, tutoring services, physical education activities, career day
9 events, the Big Brother-Big Sister Program, Taking Responsibility for Upi Students Together
10 (T.R.U.S.T.) Sponsorship of a student program, performing arts activities, Go Green/Service
11 Learning activities, Special Olympics events, science fair judging, 5K Run/Walk events, Spring
12 carnival events, donating of water blasting equipment as well as computer keyboards and
13 Chamorro dictionaries; and, be it

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

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

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature



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Memorandum

To: All Senators

From: Senator Aline A. Yamashita, PhD 

Subject: Resolution Presentation

Hafa adai. Please join me in presenting Resolution No. ~~441~~ 31 (LS), Relative to recognizing and commending the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Twenty-Five (25) for their contributions to Upi Elementary School community.

When: Thursday , June 7, 2012

Where: Hotel Nikko, Tumon

Time: 11:30 A.M.

I look forward to your participation.

cc: Sergeant-At-Arms/Protocol/AV
Clerk of the Legislature
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