

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 596-31 (over)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending 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 many years of dedicated advocacy and invaluable contributions to the Veteran community of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Arthur F. “Art” Mesa, was born on 1951 in Bisbee, Arizona and
4 is married to Marie E. Mesa, and is the father of Monique and Taryn, stepfather of
5 Brad, and grandfather of Reagan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Art enlisted in the Army in 1969, and from 1970 to 1971 Art
7 served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. Art was honorably discharged in
8 1971; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1985 Art founded the Independent Trading Company, a
10 company that engaged in the commercial distribution of food products, appliances,
11 and construction materials Micronesia; and in 1989 Art opened and operated Eagle
12 Freight Services, a company that provided air freight services from Guam to the
13 Midwest U.S., and in 2000 Art co-founded and managed Auto Services; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Art serves as a Board member for the Pacific Island Microcredit
2 Institute, an organization that provides micro-loans to veterans and individuals at
3 poverty level seeking self-sufficiency and business opportunities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Art received the U.S. Small Business Administration’s
5 *Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year*; and

6 **WHEREAS**, as an Advocate for Veterans, Art is the founder, editor and
7 publisher of the *Guam Veteran Magazine*, a quarterly publication for the Guam
8 veteran community and began the *Guam Vet Talk Show*, a radio talk show that
9 provides a venue for veterans to bring up issues affecting them, engage in dialogue
10 and share information with the community, and has assisted numerous Veterans in
11 initiating their applications for Veteran Benefits for service related disabilities, being
12 actively involved with planning for the annual Veterans Day ceremonies, and other
13 activities aimed at helping fellow Veterans; and

14 **WHEREAS**, after 35-years of service to our community and advocacy for
15 Guam’s Veterans, Art is moving with his wife, Marie, to Tucson, Arizona; and

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

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Unu Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
22 of Guam, recognizes and commends Mr. Art Mesa, and does further express a most
23 sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his tireless commitment,
24 dedicated advocacy, and invaluable contribution to all the Veterans of Guam; and be it
25 further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Art Mesa; and to the Honorable Edward B.
4 Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary