

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 597-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Thomas F. Devlin for his exceptional service to our island Veterans; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for many years of dedicated advocacy and invaluable contributions to the Veteran community of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Thomas F. "Tom" Devlin, was born on Sept 5, 1948, in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1969, Tom served with the 1st Marine Division of the United States Marine Corp (USMC) in Vietnam where he participated with the 1st Marine Division in the Tet Offensive defending the City of Hue, and was medically retired from the USMC in 1969 due to wounds he received in combat during the Vietnam War. It was at this time Tom received a Purple Heart Medal as a result of combat wounds from Vietnam; and

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

WHEREAS, since 2004 Tom has dedicated himself as a Veteran advocate, served as Commander of the Guam Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), served as the MOPH National Service Officer assisting Veterans and their dependents with their benefits, assisted

1 with the publication of *The Guam Veteran Magazine*, a quarterly publication for the Guam Veteran
2 Community, served as a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Fleet Reserve
3 Association of Guam, was a founder of the Guam Chapter of Project Guiding Light, a non-profit
4 veteran advocacy group, hosted *Vet Talk*, a radio talk show on K57, which has been an important
5 resource for veterans, to bring up issues affecting them, and to engage in dialogue and share
6 information with each other; and

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

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
10 does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognizes and commends
11 Tom Devlin, and does further express a most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for
12 his tireless commitment, dedicated advocacy, and invaluable contribution to all the Veterans of
13 Guam; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and
15 the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
16 transmitted to Mr. Tom Devlin; and to the Honorable Edward B. 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