I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Resolutions Log Sheet

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258-32 (COR)		Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO) for its outstanding dedication and commitment to honoring and recognizing the services of Guam Veterans as their advocate relative to veterans benefits; and to further extending Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for their dedicated advocacy and invaluable contributions to the Veteran community of Guam.	10/17/13 3:06 p.m.	11/08/13 2:00 p.m.			10/31/2013

I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 258-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I*

2 MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, the Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO) was established by

4 the 10th Guam Legislature, with the enactment of Public Law 10-123 on March 21,

5 1970, and codified in Chapter 13 of Title IX of the Government Code of Guam; and

- 6 WHEREAS, the overall mission of the GVAO is to ensure that all veterans and
- 7 their dependents are well-informed on their possible benefits under Title 38, U.S.

Code of Veterans Benefits, a codification of laws under the U.S. Department of
 Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the services of the GVAO continue to provide invaluable support
to those who previously served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and to those who continue
to serve today; and

6 WHEREAS, the GVAO is responsible for coordinating with the respective 7 military branches of service for the bestowing of military honors to all deceased 8 veterans and ensuring that the honors are properly rendered; in addition, GVAO 9 organizes the internment of eligible dependents at the Guam Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its in-office services, the GVAO goes above and beyond by providing various outreach programs to the veteran community, and home and hospital visits to disabled veterans and dependents; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the GVAO is to work with the U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs to improve the quality of health care services for all veterans; and

WHEREAS, through its tireless efforts in working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the GVAO was awarded a \$3.2 Million Dollars expansion grant to be used towards building nine hundred pre-placed crypt grave-sites, and to construct an additional 1,100 sites for cremation urns, known as "*columbarium niches*," at the Guam Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the GVAO was awarded a second grant, in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$160,293), to be used to raise, realign, and clean the 23,000 existing grave-sites at the Guam Veterans Cemetery; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO) 1 for its outstanding dedication and commitment to honoring and recognizing the 2 services of Guam Veterans as its advocate relative to Veterans' benefits; and to 3 further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the GVAO for its dedicated 4 advocacy and invaluable contributions to the Veteran community of Guam; and be it 5 further

6 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules 7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of 8 the same be thereafter transmitted to John S. Unpingco, Governor's Special Assistant, 9 Office of Veterans Affairs; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate 10 to the U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga Tahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

^{*V*} RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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