

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
394-32 (COR)	R.J. Respicio	Relative to recognizing and honoring the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific (IAPGVP) for being at the forefront of nonprofit organizations supporting Veterans and their families on Guam and in the Pacific Region and to extend I Liheslatura's Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase for their bravery and dedication in serving our country.	5/30/14 4:30 p.m.	6/6/14 1:00 p.m.			05/02/14

Resolution No. 394-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific (IAPGVF) for being at the forefront of nonprofit organizations supporting Veterans and their families on Guam and in the Pacific region; and to further extending *I Liheslatura's Dangkol Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for their bravery and dedication in serving our country.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific (IAPGVF) was founded in 2013 by its current President, Retired U.S. Army SSG Rodney A. Cruz, Jr., an Iraq Veteran, along with fellow Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific; and it is the first organization for new Veterans, and their families, with a growing number of members and supporters in the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from deployment overseas, SSG Cruz and other returning Veterans quickly became involved after becoming concerned with the way the wars had impacted our Pacific region's sons and daughters, and the care and services that weren't readily available to our returning Veterans; and

WHEREAS, there were many Veterans who were on active duty, reserve, and the National Guard that were being overlooked that had both mental and physical disabilities; and very few people were being recommended for direct services with the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the IAPGVF has allowed Veterans to have a voice in the community and join the national dialogue, and to explain what is really happening on the ground overseas and back home; and

WHEREAS, the IAPGVF is a 21st century Veterans' organization committed to the interests and aspirations of the 2.6 million Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan from their first day home throughout the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of IAPGVF to improve the lives of Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans by providing a continuum of quality care for Veterans, their families, and the community. Their goal is to help Veterans access mental and physical health care, find quality civilian jobs, and make the best use of their GI Bill benefits. Their vision is to empower a new generation of Veterans and enhance their contributions to our islands in the Pacific region, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the IAPGVF strives to build and empower a generation of Veterans who can provide sustainable leadership for our Pacific Islands and their local communities. IAPGVF works toward this effort through programs supporting the Global War on Terrorism Veterans in health, education, employment, recreation/social networking, and readjustment; as well as building a lasting community for Veterans and their families. They impact those critical areas through assistance to Veterans and their families by raising awareness about their issues, and advocacy for supportive policy from the federal to the local level; and

WHEREAS, the IAPGVF takes part in numerous veterans community programs, including, the Veterans Homeless Outreach; the Women Veterans Conference; the Veterans Home Caregiver Program; the Veterans Social Service and Readjustment Counseling; the Veterans Assistance Outreach; the Veterans Art Showcase; the Veterans Community Beautification Program; the Veterans PTSD + Art = Healing Program; the Veterans Peer to Peer Group Program; the Veterans Couples Retreat; the Veterans Outdoor Retreat; the Veterans Outdoor Recreation Program; and the Veterans Wellness Program; and

WHEREAS, the IAPGVF works with a wide variety of companies and organizations on the island to better assist our Veterans. They strive to build unique programs that leverage their partners' strengths to create dynamic, innovative and impactful programming for the Pacific Islander lifestyle and culture for America's New Greatest Generation of Veterans. Featured partnerships of the IAPGVF include: the National Organization of *Chamorro* Veterans of America; the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668; the Guam Veterans Affairs State Office; the Guam Vet Center; the Women's Veterans of America, Chapter 43; and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. In the years to come, the IAPGVF will have impacted the lives of over 2,000 plus Veterans and their families, and their generous donations will have reached more than 5,000 Veterans across the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, Guam is a central hub for the outer Pacific Islands, which comprise 20,000 to 30,000 islands in the Pacific Ocean. It is the IAPGVF's goal to ensure that wherever there may live a Pacific Islander Veteran in the Pacific, efforts will be devoted to opening a chapter to provide a continuum of service for all the Veterans and their communities in Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and perhaps, in the future, expanding these efforts to the Philippines and Japan; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize and honor the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific (IAPGVF) for being at the forefront of nonprofit organizations supporting Veterans and their families on Guam and in the Pacific Region; and does further extend *I Liheslatura's Dangkol Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for their bravery and dedication in serving our country; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Retired U.S. Army SSG Rodney A. Cruz, Jr., President of the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Cabro, *I Magsaludo Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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 4 (IAPGVP) was founded in 2013 by its current President, Retired U.S. Army SSG
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 7 families, with a growing number of members and supporters in the Pacific region; and

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11 happening on the ground overseas and back home; and

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13 to the interests and aspirations of the 2.6 million Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan
14 from their first day home throughout the rest of their lives; and

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4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
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6 of Guam, recognize and honor the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the
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14 President of the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific; and to the
15 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 2ND DAY OF
JUNE 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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VOTING SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member					
SENATOR MICHAEL E.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	e-vote	6-1-14	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	e-vote	5-31-14	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: _____

Rory J. Respicio

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Jennifer Dale

Date: *6-3-2014*

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Certified Name: *MARICAR C. BARNES*

Date: *6-03-14*

Notes: _____

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