

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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432-32 (LS)	T.R. Muña Barnes Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D. Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. B.J.F. Cruz FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to congratulating and commending Esther J.C. Aguigui on her promotion from the rank of Major, to Lieutenant Colonel with the Guam Army National Guard; and to further extending Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to her for her continued dedication, selfless service and sacrifices to the people of Guam and our country.	8/12/14 3:16 p.m,	9/18/14 12 p.m.			08/12/14

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Relative to congratulating and commending Esther J.C. Aguigui on her promotion from the rank of Major to Lieutenant Colonel with the Guam Army National Guard, and for making history by becoming the highest ranking Officer to take command of a battalion-level unit, specifically the Recruiting and Retention Battalion of the Guam Army National Guard, and being the first female Officer to command a battalion of the Guam National Guard; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her continued dedication, selfless service and sacrifices to the people of Guam and the United States of America.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui was born on November**
4 **13, 1961; and is one (1) of the six (6) children of Mr. and Mrs. †Joaquin T. and**
5 **Teresita C. Aguigui from *Malessso*, Guam;; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui graduated from
2 George Washington High School; and she later earned a Bachelor of Education
3 degree in Secondary Education under a merit scholarship from the University of
4 Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, after graduation, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui spent
6 sixteen (16) years teaching and coaching middle and high school students and
7 athletes at various public and private secondary schools on Guam ; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui began her
9 military career when she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and served as an
10 Information Management Specialist; and after ten (10) years, in 1995, she became
11 the Supervisor of the Section. She was the first service member in the 44th Aerial
12 Port Squadron to be granted a federal, advanced promotion to Technical Sergeant;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui became a
15 member of the Guam Air National Guard; and she served as the first and only
16 female First Sergeant of the 254th Engineer Squadron, 254th Air Base Group; and

17 **WHEREAS**, for a period of nine (9) years, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C.
18 Aguigui served in various assignments as a Company Grade Officer; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui received a
20 direct commission with the Guam Army National Guard, where she took on her first
21 assignment as the Family Assistance Program Coordinator; and

22 **WHEREAS**, as a First Lieutenant, on September 12, 2001, Lieutenant
23 Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui reported to her first Active Guard Reserve assignment
24 as the Aide de Camp to Major General Benny M. Paulino, the Adjutant General at
25 the time; and

26 **WHEREAS**, in April 2002, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui took
27 command of the 294th Military Intelligence Detachment; and in February 2004, the
28 unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in October 2005, while serving as a Captain, Lieutenant Colonel
2 Esther J.C. Aguigui served as the Senior Intelligence Officer (J2) for Task Force
3 Pelican during the first ever Joint Task Force deployment of Army and Air National
4 Guard service members for the relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in
5 Louisiana; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from January 2006 to January 2007, Lieutenant Colonel Esther
7 J. C. Aguigui deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom,
8 and she was assigned to serve as the Deputy Senior Counterintelligence Officer
9 (J2/X) for the one thousand two hundred (1,200)-person Joint Special Operations
10 Task Force; and she was also the Liaison Officer to the Combined Joint Special
11 Operations Task Force; and

12 **WHEREAS**, for a period of six (6) years, and while serving at the rank of
13 Major, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui served in multiple key leadership
14 positions; and then upon returning from her deployment, she was selected to serve a
15 two (2)-year assignment as the Secretary of General Staff for Major General Donald
16 J. Goldhorn, the Adjutant General at the time. She was a key advisor to the TAG
17 and managed staff actions for the command group; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in May 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J. C. Aguigui received
19 her next assignment to serve as the S3 Operations Officer for the 105th Troop
20 Command, where she effectively planned, controlled, and executed the annual
21 training movement of its two (2) largest units, one to Camp Dodge, Iowa, and the
22 other to Hohenfels, Germany; and

23 **WHEREAS**, from May 2012 to June 2014, Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C.
24 Aguigui was selected to serve as the Commander of the Guam Army National
25 Guard Element- Joint Force Headquarters, with simultaneous duties as the Chief of
26 the J1 Casualty Branch; and during her tenure, she skillfully balanced the medical
27 readiness standards and the administrative, operational logistical support

1 requirements of the largest deployment and redeployment in the history of the
2 organization; and

3 **WHEREAS**, a few weeks after her promotion, Lieutenant Colonel Esther
4 J.C. Aguigui made history by becoming the highest ranking Officer to take
5 command of a battalion-level unit, specifically the Recruiting and Retention
6 Battalion of the Guam Army National Guard; and the first female Officer to
7 command a battalion in the Guam National Guard; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the military education of Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C.
9 Aguigui includes: the U.S. Air Force First Sergeant Academy, the U.S. Army
10 Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Officer
11 Transition Course, the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course, the
12 U.S. Army Counterintelligence Officer Course, and the Command and General Staff
13 College (Intermediate Level Education-Common Core Course); and

14 **WHEREAS**, the major Military Awards and Decorations of Lieutenant
15 Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious
16 Service Medal (1 oak leave cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army
17 Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leave Cluster), the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award,
18 the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service
19 Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the
20 Global War on Terrorism Service (Expeditionary) Medal, and the Global War on
21 Terrorism Service Medal; now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and commend Lieutenant Colonel
24 Esther J.C. Aguigui on her promotion from the rank of Major to Lieutenant Colonel
25 with the Guam Army National Guard, which was awarded during a Promotion
26 Ceremony held on July 24, 2014 at the Hotel Nikko, *Tumon* Bay, Guam; and
27 recognize her for making history by becoming the highest ranking Officer to take
28 command of a battalion-level unit, specifically the Recruiting and Retention


1 Battalion of the Guam Army National Guard, and the first female Officer to
2 command a battalion in the Guam National Guard, which took place at the Guam
3 Army National Guard Element Change of Command and R&R Assumption of
4 Command ceremonies held on August 3, 2014; and does further extend *Un*
5 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to her for her continued dedication, selfless service
6 and sacrifices to the people of Guam and the United States of America; and be it
7 further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
9 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
10 Lieutenant Colonel Esther J.C. Aguigui; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
11 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary