

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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123-33 (LS)	T. R. Muña Barnes Frank F. Blas, Jr. FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to recognizing and commending LTC Kevin J. Yatar on his accomplishments as Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade, Barrigada, Guam, and as Senior Advisor to the National Guard (SRAAG), and extending Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to him for his dedication, selfless service and sacrifices to the people of Guam and our country; and to further extending warm congratulations and best wishes to him on his new assignment as Deputy Commander of the 196th Infantry Brigade, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.	05/29/15 4:27 p.m.	06/12/15 9:30 A.m.					05/29/15

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, LTC Kevin J. Yatar is a native of Guam, and is the son of Retired**
4 **Air Force Master Sergeant Joseph J.A. and Mrs. Patricia Muña Yatar; and he is the**

1 grandson of †Norberto and †Maria Aguon Yatar of *Barrigada*, and †Colonel Juan and
2 Mrs. Rita Pereira Muña, also of *Barrigada*; and

3 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar is married to the former Diana San Miguel of
4 *Chalan Pago*, Guam; and they have four beautiful children: Hunter, Harmony, Harley,
5 and Hudson; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in June 2013, LTC Kevin J. Yatar was recognized and presented
7 with Legislative Resolution No. 179-32 (LS) after he was reassigned to serve as
8 Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade, *Barrigada*, Guam, and as the
9 Senior Army Advisor to the National Guard (SRAAG); and

10 **WHEREAS**, for the past two years, and in both of his capacities, LTC Kevin J.
11 Yatar was responsible for advising and assisting the Adjutant General (TAF), Unit
12 Commanders and the Joint Staff on all matters pertaining to the organization,
13 operation, and readiness of the Guam Army National Guard and the U.S. Army
14 Reserve Marianas Units, soldiers, training and equipment; and

15 **WHEREAS**, during his two years of service on Guam, LTC Kevin J. Yatar
16 established strong positive partnerships with the Guam National Guard and the U.S.
17 Army Reserve Marianas, becoming a trusted advisor to the Adjutant General, senior
18 leaders, commanders, and staff; and

19 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar developed advocates of the Army within the
20 Guam Chamber of Commerce and local veterans' organizations, where he gave back
21 to the community with his participation in the "Adopt A School Bus Stop" restoration
22 program, and he also served as an Assistant Little League Baseball Coach; and

23 **WHEREAS**, coordinating with the U.S. Navy and Air Force Leaders and staff,
24 LTC Kevin J. Yatar worked to help improve the health services provided to active
25 duty Army soldiers and their families on Guam; as well as working with the Guam
26 National Guard Chaplain to secure training for the active duty Army couples, in order

1 to help enrich the lives of Soldiers and their families while building resilient
2 marriages; and

3 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar routinely promoted the rich culture and
4 history of the island by hosting senior military distinguished visitors, and providing
5 them with tours of the island; as well as having discussions on the importance of
6 Guam in the region; and

7 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar coordinated with U.S. Army agencies who
8 were responsible for training in the Pacific to enhance Soldier and Unit training by
9 bringing to the island and making available the latest training aides and enablers in the
10 U.S. Army's inventory. He continues to work with Hawaii-based agencies in
11 revitalizing and improving weapon ranges and training areas on Guam and Saipan
12 with full instrumentation capability, making unit training on the island effective,
13 efficient, and realistic; and

14 **WHEREAS**, for the past two years, LTC Kevin J. Yatar has provided pre-
15 deployment, pre-mobilization and post-mobilization training support to the Guam
16 Army National Guard in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan in support of
17 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

18 **WHEREAS**, for the Guard and USAR units not deploying, LTC Kevin J. Yatar
19 and his team provided outstanding training support during unit drill weekends (over
20 40 drill weekends), and at on and off-island annual trainings at Camp Roberts,
21 California; Fort Irwin, California (NTC); Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington; Fort
22 Hunter-Leggett, California; Camp Carroll, Korea; Joint Multinational-Readiness
23 Center; GE; and Kona, Hawaii; and

24 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar attended meetings with Guam's Office of
25 Civil Defense and Homeland Security during the establishment of the Marianas

1 Region Fusion Cell, and he provided advice on establishing processes, procedures and
2 reports to ensure the organization's success; and

3 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar assisted the Joint Region Marianas Planners
4 with contingency planning, the development of critical infrastructure protection plans,
5 and the required force packages in defense of Guam. And in conjunction with the 5th
6 Battlefield Circulation Detachment, he assisted the Guam National Guard with the
7 development of a Ground Liaison Detachment training and certification program,
8 creating unprecedented capability within the Guam Guard's formation and unique
9 joint training opportunities between the National Guard and the U.S. Air Force here
10 on Guam, in the Pacific region, and in support of real world deployments to the
11 Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Operations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar's educational background consists of a
13 Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management Degree from the
14 University of Guam, and a Master of Science in Human Resource Administration
15 Degree from Central Michigan University; and

16 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar's awards and decorations include: the Bronze
17 Star Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster); the Army
18 Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Cluster); the Army Commendation Medal (1
19 Oak Leaf Cluster); the Joint Service Achievement Medal; the Army Achievement
20 Medal (2 Oak Leaf Cluster); the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1 Oak Leaf Cluster);
21 the Army Meritorious Unit Citation; the National Defense Service Medal (with
22 Bronze Star); the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Global War on Terrorism
23 Service Medal; the Iraq Campaign Medal (with 4 Bronze Stars); the Korean Defense
24 Service Medal; the Armed Forces Service Medal; the Army Service Ribbon; the
25 Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award); the NATO Medal; the Combat Action Badge;

1 the Ranger Tab; the Parachutist Badge; the Air Assault Badge; and the Recruiter's
2 Badge; and

3 **WHEREAS**, LTC Kevin J. Yatar has been elevated to the position of Deputy
4 Commander of the 196th Infantry Brigade at Fort Shafter, Hawaii; now therefore, be it

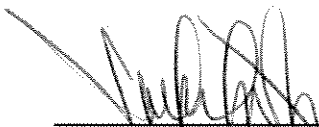
5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
6 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend LTC Kevin J. Yatar on his
7 accomplishments as Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade,
8 *Barrigada*, Guam, and as Senior Advisor to the National Guard (SRAAG), and extend
9 *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his dedication, selfless service and
10 sacrifices to the people of Guam and our country; and does further extend warm
11 congratulations and best wishes to him on his new assignment as Deputy Commander
12 of the 196th Infantry Brigade, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
14 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to LTC
15 Kevin J. Yatar; to Colonel Roderick R. Leon Guerrero, Adjutant General, Department
16 of Military Affairs; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF MAY 2015.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary