

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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226-33 (LS)	T. R. Muña Barnes B. J.F. Cruz FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to recognizing and commending Commander Shelley Beck Benfield for her dedication and selfless service in caring for the medical needs of the military personnel and civilians at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; and to further extending Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to her for her support and vast exemplary contributions to the military community and the people of Guam.	10/27/15 4:04 p.m.	12/09/15 11:00 a.m.					10/27/15

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Commander Shelly Beck Benfield was born in Albert Lea,
4 Minnesota; and

5 **WHEREAS,** in 1996, Commander Benfield graduated with a Bachelor of
6 Science degree in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire; and she

1 began her career in medicine providing healthcare in the United States Navy through
2 the Nurse Direct Accession program; and Shelly Benfield then attended Officer
3 Indoctrination School; and

4 **WHEREAS**, from December 1996 to October 1999, Commander Shelly Beck
5 Benfield served as a Staff Nurse at the Inpatient Pediatric Ward at the U.S. Naval
6 Medical Center in San Diego, California; and

7 **WHEREAS**, from October 1999 to October 2000, Commander Shelly Beck
8 Benfield served as the Pediatric Oncology and Diabetic Clinical Coordinator and Case
9 Manager at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California, where she was
10 responsible for the pediatric, diabetic and oncology patients, as well as rendering
11 inpatient and outpatient care with the pediatric multidisciplinary team; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from October 2000 to November 2001, Commander Shelly Beck
13 Benfield was transferred and served at the United States Naval Hospital in Naples,
14 Italy, where she worked as a Charge Nurse for a Multi-Service Inpatient Unit; and

15 **WHEREAS**, from November 2001 to March 2003, Commander Shelly Beck
16 Benfield served as Clinical Nurse at the Branch Medical Clinic Capodichino in
17 Naples, Italy; and

18 **WHEREAS**, from April 2003 to August 2006, Commander Shelly Beck
19 Benfield was a Medical Programs Officer Recruiter at the U.S. Navy Recruiting
20 District in San Francisco, California. Commander Shelly Beck Benfield then became
21 the Medical Programs Division Officer at the U.S. Navy Recruiting Region West.
22 Commander Shelly Beck Benfield successfully attained a one hundred percent (100%)
23 accession goal for U.S. Navy Region West for the Nurse Corps, the Medical Service
24 Corps and the Dental Corps Programs; and

25 **WHEREAS**, from September 2006 to May 2008, Commander Shelly Beck
26 Benfield was selected for Duty Under Instruction; and she then attended San Diego
27 State University, where she studied her thesis, "Alcohol Use as a Risk Factor for

1 Sexual Transmission of HIV in a Military Population: A Case-Control Study.”
2 Commander Shelly Beck Benfield had also served as a Research Assistant for the
3 DOD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program and the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS
4 Relief (PEPFAR). She graduated with honors earning a Master of Public Health
5 degree with an emphasis in Epidemiology; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from June 2008 to April 2010, Commander Shelly Beck Benfield
7 served as a Division Officer of the Orthopedic Clinic at the Branch Medical Clinic,
8 the U.S. Naval Training Center, and the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego,
9 California; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from April 2010 to September 2010, Commander Shelly Beck
11 Benfield was transferred to serve on the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) for Pacific
12 Partnership 2010 as a Division Officer, Inpatient Pediatric Ward; and she earned her
13 Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer qualification. Commander Shelly Beck
14 Benfield had supervised forty-two (42) nurses and fifty-three (53) paraprofessionals,
15 and she delivered healthcare to five hundred fifty (550) children and families in four
16 (4) different countries in Southeast Asia; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Commander Shelly Beck Benfield transferred to the U.S.
18 Naval Hospital Guam and served as a Department Head for the Internal Medicine
19 Clinic and the Department of Respiratory Medicine; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2014, Commander Shelly Beck Benfield was deployed to the
21 Democratic Republic of Timor Leste as a member of the medical planning team for
22 Pacific Partnership 2014; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Commander Shelley Beck Benfield has received the U.S. Navy
24 Commendation Medal – three gold stars; and the Navy and Marine Corps
25 Achievement Medal; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Commander Shelley Beck Benfield’s certifications include being
27 a Certified Pediatric Nurse and a Peripheral Inserted Central Cather (PICC) Nurse;

1 and she is a member of professional organizations such as the American Society of
2 Medical-Surgical Nurses and the Pediatric Nursing Society; and

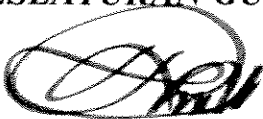
3 **WHEREAS**, Commander Shelley Beck Benfield has been married for six (6)
4 years to Commander Rodd Benfield, who has also contributed greatly to our island;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, Commander Shelley Beck Benfield's contributions to the island
7 of Guam has been a great benefit to our community through her distinguished service
8 at the United States Naval Hospital Guam, which is one of the few Naval Hospitals
9 that treats and cares for the civilian population; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Commander Shelley Beck
12 Benfield for her dedication and selfless service in caring for the medical needs of the
13 military personnel and civilians at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; and does further
14 extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her support and vast exemplary
15 contributions to the military community and the people of Guam; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
17 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
18 Commander Shelley Beck Benfield; to Captain Jeannie Comlish, Commanding
19 Officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
20 *Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary