

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Date Adopted
227-33 (LS)	T. R. Muña Barnes B. J.F. Cruz FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to recognizing and commending Commander Rodd J. Benfield for his 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 him for his 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 Rodd J. Benfield was born and raised in New Jersey;**
4 **and**

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Commander Rodd J. Benfield graduated *Phi Beta Kappa*
2 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience Behavior at the University of
3 Massachusetts - Amherst; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Commander Rodd J. Benfield was commissioned as an
5 ensign through the U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program; and he
6 attended the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Camden, New Jersey, where he
7 earned his Doctorate of Medicine. Commander Rodd J. Benfield was awarded the
8 Rudolph P. Camishon Award for surgical excellence; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in June 1998, Commander Benfield began his internship training
10 in General Surgery at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California; and he
11 completed the Navy Tropical Medicine course in Bethesda, Maryland, and in the
12 Dominican Republic; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in April 2000, Commander Rodd J. Benfield completed Flight
14 Surgery Training at the Naval Operation Medicine Institute. Commander Rodd J.
15 Benfield reported to his first operational squadron, Patrol Squadron ONE, at the U.S.
16 Naval Air Station in Whidbey Island, Washington. Commander Rodd J. Benfield
17 served as the squadron Flight Surgeon for multi-site deployments to Misawa and
18 Kadena, Japan, as well as Diego Garcia, Masirah, and Bahrain; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, Commander Rodd J. Benfield began General Surgery
20 Residency Training at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, Commander Rodd J. Benfield began his General Surgery
22 utilization tour at the Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms in California. Commander
23 Rodd J. Benfield served as a Trauma Surgeon of the Division of Trauma at Scripps
24 Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Commander Rodd J. Benfield began Trauma Fellowship
2 Training at the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California; and he served
3 as a Clinical Instructor in Surgery at the University of Southern California-Keck
4 School of Medicine, Division of Trauma and Critical Care; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Commander Rodd J. Benfield completed a Surgical
6 Critical Care Fellowship Training at the Los Angeles County-University of Southern
7 California; and he served as the Head of the Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Service;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Commander Rodd J. Benfield was deployed to Haiti in
10 support of Operation Unified Response, LHD-5-USS Bataan as a General Surgeon;
11 and he served as the Chief of Trauma at the NATO Role Three Multinational Medical
12 Unit at Kandahar Air Field in Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Commander Rodd J. Benfield served as Surgical
14 Director of the Comprehensive Combat and Complex Casualty Care Service, as Head
15 of the Surgical Intensive Care Service, and as the Head of Trauma and Acute Care
16 Surgery Team at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Commander Rodd J. Benfield transferred to the U.S.
18 Naval Hospital Guam, where he served as General Surgeon, as Department Head of
19 General Surgery, and as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, Commander Rodd J. Benfield is an Assistant Professor in Surgery
22 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Science – F. Edward Herbert
23 School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, in Bethesda, Maryland; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Commander Rodd J. Benfield was awarded with the Meritorious
2 Service Medal; two (2) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals; the Navy and
3 Marine Corps Achievement Medal; the Expert Pistol Medal; and the Expert Rifle
4 Medal. He also maintains Board Certification in General Surgery and Surgical Critical
5 Care; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Commander Rodd J. Benfield has also contributed many
7 publications on the topic of trauma to academia; and he has been invited to speak at
8 conferences and symposiums in California, Texas, and Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Commander Rodd J. Benfield is a member of numerous
10 professional societies, including the American College of Surgeons; the Southern
11 California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons; the San Diego Chapter of
12 the American College of Surgeons; the American College of Surgeons; the Navy
13 Committee on Trauma, Associate Member; and the Society of Critical Care Medicine;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Commander Rodd J. Benfield's contributions to the island of
16 Guam has been a great benefit to our community having served with honor and
17 distinction at the United States Naval Hospital Guam, which is one of the few Naval
18 Hospitals that treats and cares for the civilian population; now therefore, be it

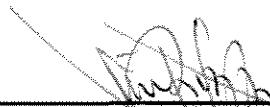
19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
20 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Commander Rodd J.
21 Benfield for his dedication and selfless service in caring for the medical needs of the
22 military personnel and civilians at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; and does further
23 extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his support and vast exemplary
24 contributions to the military community and the people of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
3 Commander Rodd J. Benfield; to Captain Jeannie Comlish, Commanding Officer of
4 the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
5 *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