

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 12

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Relative to commending and congratulating the United States Army on its 230th Birthday, to praising it for contributing over two centuries of outstanding service to the Nation and the world, and to wishing it and its dedicated members well in all their future endeavors.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, the Continental Army, the progenitor of what became the**
4 **United States Army, was established on June 17, 1775, just as the**
5 **Revolutionary War began, and was commanded by General George**

1 Washington, the Father of our Country who, after winning the War, became
2 the First President of the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Army, born amidst the gathering storm clouds of the
4 American Revolution, has grown from the small band of Minutemen on
5 Lexington Green to the finest fighting force in the world today; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from its birth on the Lexington Green to the present, the
7 Army has forged a proud history in defending the Nation with honor and
8 distinction in its many wars and armed conflict, most notably in the Civil War,
9 World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict,
10 Panama, Grenada, the Persian Gulf War, and currently in our peace mission in
11 East Timor in Indonesia, Bosnia, Africa, Kosovo and the Iraqi War (“Iraqi
12 Freedom”); including the “Global War on Terrorism; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Army’s 77th Infantry Division played a major role in
14 liberating Guam from enemy occupation in World War II, rendering the
15 people of Guam forever grateful to the Army for its part in the island’s
16 Liberation over sixty (60) years ago, and since the end of World War II,
17 thousands of Guam’s young men and women have joined the United States
18 Army, distinguishing themselves for their valor and dedication, all too many
19 of whom died in the post-war conflicts in Panama, Grenada, the Persian Gulf
20 War, Kosovo, Bosnia, East Timor in Indonesia, Africa, Korea, Vietnam and the
21 recent attack on American soil at the Pentagon and in New York City causing
22 thousands of Guam’s young men and women to volunteer for duty in the war
23 zone; and

1 **WHEREAS**, many residents of Guam have won awards for gallantry in
2 action, including four (4) winners of the Distinguished Service Cross, the
3 Nation’s second highest reward for heroism in combat; and

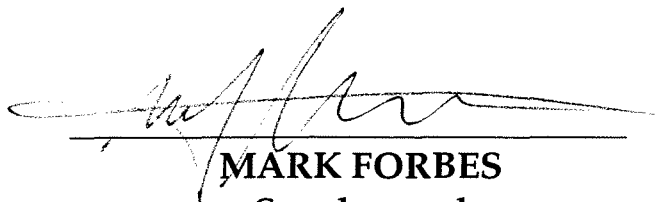
4 **WHEREAS**, the American Army, first and always, is of the people, with
5 a broad foundation of national support symbolized by the endless rows of
6 yellow ribbons and the American flags which bedeck the country from coast
7 to coast on Independence Day, as the Nation and the Army continues to grow
8 in the 21st Century, to meet the changes ahead, with all Americans seeking to
9 maintain the continuity of capabilities and commitment that has made the
10 Army what it is today—the final bastion of defense of the American people
11 and the American way of life; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, commemorate June 14, 2005 as the Two Hundred Thirtieth
15 (230th) Birthday of the United States Army, does hereby call on the people of
16 Guam to memorialize and celebrate the contributions that members of the
17 United States Army—Active, National Guard, Reserve and Retirees—have
18 made to the Nation and to Guam, and does further salute the men and women
19 in the Active Army, the Guam National Guard, and the Army Reserve who
20 continue to serve; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
23 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
24 Commander, Headquarters, United States Army Reserve-Marianas (USAR-
25 M); to the Guam Army National Guard; to the Post Commander, Veterans of

1 Foreign War, Post No. 2917, Agat; to the Post Commander, Veterans of
2 Foreign War, Post No. 1509, Dededo; to the Post Commander, Veterans of
3 Foreign War, Post 10237, Gun Beach, Tamuning; to the Military Order of
4 Purple Heart; to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 668; to the
5 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of
6 Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature