

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 154

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Relative to commending the Soldiers of the 1224th Engineer Detachment, Guam Army National Guard, for their Heroism, Dedication to our Island and our Country, and Service while in the Line of Duty.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the 1224th Engineer Detachment (“the 1224th”) is a Unit of
4 fifty-four (54) of Guam’s finest soldiers in the Guam Army National Guard
5 who have dedicated their lives to serving our country, protecting our people
6 and standing up for freedom and justice throughout the world; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the 1224th has spent the last year deployed in Afghanistan
2 in support of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in the Regional
3 Command East; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the 1224th supported more than ten (10) base camps in the
5 Regional Command East in Afghanistan by constructing improvements such
6 as housing, force protection improvements, roads, landing zones, airfields,
7 plumbing and electrical work; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Unit was the tip of the spear to support democracy in
9 Afghanistan during the Afghanistan Parliamentary Elections, building from
10 the ground up two (2) fully functional camps equipped with billeting,
11 showers, burn-out latrines, force protection perimeter, guard towers and
12 bunkers in less than two (2) months; and

13 **WHEREAS**, forty-three (43) soldiers in the Unit were awarded the
14 “Combat Action” badge for being engaged by direct and indirect enemy fire
15 at various locations and times throughout the deployment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Unit played a major role in the upgrade of the FOB
17 Salerno Airfield, emplacing six hundred fifty (650) feet of AM2 matting on the
18 runway touchdown points in just under five (5) days, allowing the runway to
19 remain open after major rain storms; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the 1224th managed a Five Hundred Thousand Dollar
21 (\$500,000) heavy equipment contract that required over twenty (20) pieces of
22 rolling stock and over twenty-five (25) local employees; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the 1224th managed a Three Hundred Thousand Dollar
2 (\$300,000) concrete batching plant capable of producing over three hundred
3 (300) cubic meters of concrete per day; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Unit built five (5) major culverts on FOB Salerno that
5 greatly improved the drainage problem that existed on the FOB; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Unit led the effort to construct the FOB Salerno Basic
7 Load Ammunition Holding Area (BLAHA) that required in the movement of
8 over seventy thousand (70,000) cubic yards of dirt and the creation of fifteen
9 (15) cells of store ammunition, thus creating in a storage area that meets safety
10 standards; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the 1224th has displayed a dedication to duty and a bravery
12 in combat that are worthy of recognition and honor from our country and our
13 island; now, therefore, be it

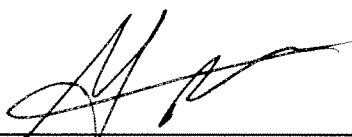
14 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
16 people of Guam, commend and honor the soldiers of the 1224th Engineer
17 Detachment for their Valor, Dedication and Service to our Island and our
18 Country; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, welcome home our soldiers after an outstanding tour of
22 duty; and be it further


23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
24 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

1 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Captain
2 Ronnie B. Delfin, 1224th Engineer Detachment Commander; to Major General
3 Donald J. Goldhorn, the Adjutant General of the Guam Army National Guard;
4 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 20TH
DAY OF APRIL 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature