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Executive Committee Resolution No. 184

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Relative to commending and congratulating the recipients of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapters 1315 and 787, for having been recognized in the naming of Route 8 as "Purple Heart Memorial Highway" for their courage in the defense of freedom and democracy.

- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
- 2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapter
- 4 1315, was chartered on November 11, 2003 with twenty-seven (27) members;
- 5 and

- 1 WHEREAS, a second Chapter 787 was chartered on November 11,
- 2 2005 with thirty-seven (37) additional members and to date there are ninety-
- 3 one (91) total members; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George
- 5 Washington, at Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782, during the
- 6 Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS, the Order of the Purple Heart was established by the
- 8 President of the United States of America, per War Department General Order
- 9 3 in 1932; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Order of the Purple Heart is currently awarded
- 11 pursuant to Executive Order 11016, executed on April 25, 1962, Executive
- 12 Order 12464, executed on February 23, 1984 and United States Public Law 98-
- 13 25, executed on October 19, 1984; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is awarded in the
- 15 name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed
- 16 Forces of the United States who, while serving after April 5, 1917 has been
- 17 wounded or killed, or dies or may hereafter die after being wounded in any
- 18 action against an enemy of the United States of America; and
- 19 **WHEREAS**, the single bond that unites members of the Military Order
- 20 of the Purple Heart is that each has sustained a wound inflicted by an enemy
- 21 in combat; and
- WHEREAS, there is no exclusion by war or branch of service, that the
- 23 members' common bond is that they have given their blood; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart exists to serve not 1 2 only wounded combat veterans, but all veterans and their dependents; and 3 WHEREAS, Bill Number 182 (EC), "An Act to add new § 834.3 to Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to designate Route 8 as 'The Purple Heart 4 Memorial Highway' to honor and pay special tribute to all recipients of the 5 Military Order of the Purple Heart" became Guam Public Law 28-129 on July 6 7 10, 2006; and 8 WHEREAS, the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart 9 Chapters 1315 and 787 gave their bodies and souls for the people of Guam 10 and others throughout the world in the cause of freedom and democracy; and 11 WHEREAS, without the courage of the members of the Military Order 12 of the Purple Heart Chapters 1315 and 787 we would not be enjoying the very 13 freedom we have today; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Ocho Na 14 15 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 16 people of Guam, commend and congratulate all recipients of the Military 17 Order of the Purple Heart Chapters 1315 and 787; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive 18 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 19 20 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Military

Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapter 1315, Nicolas D. Francisco,

Commander; to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapter 787,

John G. Taitano, Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINABENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2^{ND} DAY OF AUGUST 2006.

WARK FORBES

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature