

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 203

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**Relative to commending Specialist Roberto B. Abian for his
bravery while serving in Iraq as a Member of the Guam
National Guard and for earning the Purple Heart Award.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, SPC Roberto B. Abian was born on January 3, 1962 in Oka,
4 Tamuning, to Roberto (deceased) and Ursula Abian, and has two (2) sisters
5 and three (3) brothers; and

6 **WHEREAS**, SPC Abian has been married to his wife Frances for
7 eighteen (18) years, has five (5) children: (Nicole, Michael, Nathan, Justene,
8 and Teeanna) and currently lives in the village of Yona; and

1 **WHEREAS**, SPC Abian first enlisted in the United States Army in 1984
2 and served three (3) years; his duty station was Camp Casey, Korea; on
3 December 14, 1989, he joined the Guam Army National Guard, Vehicle
4 Mechanic (63B) assigned to the 838th Medical Company; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in June 1992, he was transferred to HHC, 1-294th Infantry
6 Battalion; in October 1993, he was transferred to the Service Detachment, 1-
7 294th Infantry Battalion as a vehicle driver (88M); and he is currently assigned
8 to Foxtrot Company, 297th BSB, 207th IBCT as a vehicle mechanic; and

9 **WHEREAS**, SPC Abian was deployed to Iraq from October 7, 2004
10 through December 21, 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; during
11 this deployment, he was attached to 778th Transportation Company (CBT
12 HET); and

13 **WHEREAS**, SPC Abian is a 1980 graduate of George Washington High
14 School, and his military schooling includes: Basic Training and Advanced
15 Individual Training (63B) at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, the 88M Course at Ft.
16 Leonardwood, MO; and Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort
17 Juan Muna, Guam; and

18 **WHEREAS**, SPC Abian has received the following awards: Army
19 Achievement Medal (2nd Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd
20 Award), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary
21 Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal
22 (3rd Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device (2nd Award),
23 Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service
24 Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas

1 Training Ribbon (2nd Award), Guam Commendation Award (3 oakleaf
2 clusters), Driver and Mechanic Badge; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2005, SPC Abian was traveling south from
4 Baghdad towards Camp Scania when an ambush of multiple Improvised
5 Explosive Devices, mortars, and small arms fire hit near and around his
6 vehicle; and

7 **WHEREAS**, with small arms fire coming from both sides of the road,
8 SPC Robert B. Abian and SPC Christopher Leon Guerrero returned
9 suppressive fire through their vehicle windows in the direction of enemy fire,
10 and both suffered injuries; and

11 **WHEREAS**, as a result of their bravery, SPC Abian and SPC Leon
12 Guerrero received the Purple Heart Award, which is given to members of the
13 U.S. Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of
14 the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are
15 killed in action or die of wounds received in action; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, commend SPC Roberto B. Abian for his bravery while
19 serving our country in Iraq, for earning the Purple Heart Award, and for
20 making the people of Guam proud; and be it further

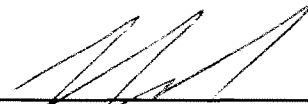
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
23 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to SPC Roberto B.

- 1 Abian; to Major General Donald Goldhorn, Adjutant General, Guam National
- 2 Guard; 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 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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