

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Executive Committee

Resolution No. 58

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Relative to expressing the condolences of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on the passing of General Louis H. Wilson, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Retired; and to request that *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* declare July 25, 2005 as a Day of Mourning.

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

3 WHEREAS, Louis H. Wilson, Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in  
4 May 1941 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in November of that  
5 year; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Wilson went overseas with the 9<sup>th</sup> Marines in  
2 February 1943, making stops at Guadalcanal, Efate and Bougainville, and was  
3 later promoted to Captain in April 1943; and

4           **WHEREAS**, on July 25-26, 1944, Captain Louis H. Wilson, Jr. was  
5 ordered to take that portion of *Fonte* Hill, an area between Agana Heights and  
6 what is now Nimitz Hill, within his zone of action. Captain Wilson initiated  
7 his attack in mid-afternoon, pushed up the rugged, open terrain against  
8 terrific machinegun and rifle fire for three hundred (300) yards and  
9 successfully captured the objective; and

10          **WHEREAS**, promptly assuming command of other disorganized units  
11 and motorized equipment, in addition to his own company and one (1)  
12 reinforcing platoon, he organized his night defenses in the face of continuous  
13 hostile fire and, although wounded three (3) times during this five (5) hour  
14 period, completed his disposition of men and guns before retiring to the  
15 company command post for medical attention; and

16          **WHEREAS**, shortly thereafter, when the enemy launched the first of a  
17 series of savage counterattacks lasting all night, he voluntarily rejoined his  
18 besieged units and repeatedly exposed himself to the merciless hail of  
19 shrapnel and bullets, dashing fifty (50) yards into the open on one occasion to  
20 rescue a wounded Marine lying helpless beyond the frontlines; and

21          **WHEREAS**, fighting fiercely in hand-to-hand encounters, he led his  
22 men in a furiously waged battle for approximately ten (10) hours, tenaciously  
23 holding his line and repelling the fanatically renewed counter trusts until he  
24 succeeded in crushing the last efforts of the hard-pressed Japanese early the  
25 following morning; and

1           **WHEREAS**, then organizing a seventeen (17) man patrol, he  
2 immediately advanced upon a strategic slope essential to the security of his  
3 position and, boldly defying intense mortar, machinegun, and rifle fire which  
4 struck down thirteen (13) of his men, drove relentlessly forward with the  
5 remnants of his patrol to sieve the vital ground; and

6           **WHEREAS**, by his indomitable leadership, daring combat tactics, and  
7 valor in the face of overwhelming odds, Captain Wilson succeeded in  
8 capturing and holding the strategic high ground in his regimental sector,  
9 thereby contributing essentially to the success of his regimental mission and  
10 to the annihilation of three hundred fifty (350) Japanese troops; and

11           **WHEREAS**, as a result of the heroism and leadership he exhibited  
12 during the defense of *Fonte Hill* on July 25-26, 1944, he earned the nation's  
13 highest honor for heroism in combat, the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

14           **WHEREAS**, as a result of the leadership then Captain Wilson showed  
15 while defending *Fonte Hill*, the island's liberation from the occupying forces  
16 of Japan was accelerated, and people were freed from the camps at *Manenggon*  
17 and other areas of Guam; and

18           **WHEREAS**, this period in General Wilson's life was a defining moment  
19 that had an enormous impact upon his career in the Marine Corps, setting the  
20 stage for promotion up the ranks until his appointment as the 26<sup>th</sup>  
21 Commandant of the Marine Corps on July 1, 1975; now, therefore, be it

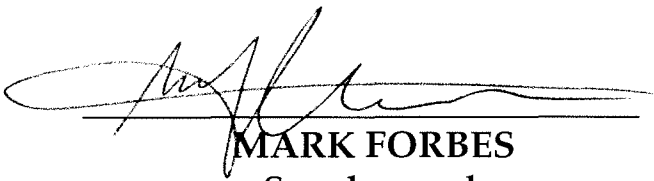
22           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
24 people of Guam, express its deepest condolences on the passing of General  
25 Louis H. Wilson, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Retired; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that an appropriate expression of these condolences be  
2 conveyed to his wife, Jane, and we made known to all who knew and  
3 admired him; and be it further

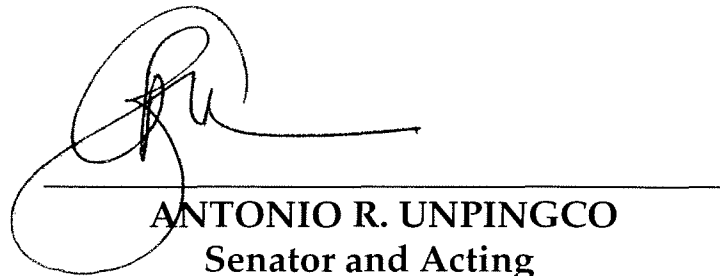
4           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby  
5 requests that *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* declare July 25, 2005 as an official day of  
6 mourning, with all flags lowered to half staff, to memorialize the anniversary  
7 of when General Wilson earned his Congressional Medal of Honor during the  
8 liberation of Guam; and be it further

9           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Jane  
12 Wilson; to the Honorable Ben Blaz, former Guam Delegate to Congress; to  
13 General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; to the  
14 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member, U.S. House of Representatives;  
15 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JUNE 2005.**



**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
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**ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO**  
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