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Executive Committee Resolution No. 88

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Relative to welcoming Major General Antonio M. Taguba to Guam on the occasion of his keynote speech at the University of Guam's Alumni Association Awards dinner, and to further honor him for his accomplishments as an Officer in the United States Army.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

- MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba was born on October 31,
- 4 1950 in Sampaloc, Manila, to Tomas and Maria Taguba and moved from the
- 5 Philippines to Hawaii when he was eleven (11) years old; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba's father, Tomas, served
- 7 as a soldier in the Philippine Scouts for twenty (20) years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba attended Hawaii's

- 1 Leilehua High School and later enrolled at Idaho State University from which
- 2 he graduated in 1972; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba is the second highest
- 4 ranking Filipino-American in the history of the United States Army; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba trained as an armored
- 6 officer and served as Acting Director of the Army staff under General Eric K.
- 7 Shineski, then Army Chief of Staff during the Iraq War; and
- 8 WHEREAS, prior to his commission to serve as Acting Director of the
- 9 Army staff, Major General Antonio M. Taguba was the head of the Army
- 10 Community and Family Support Center that focused on Army Life; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba authored a report
- 12 revealing abuses of prisoners of Abu Ghraib Prison, Iraq; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the fifty-three (53) page report, known as the 'Taguba
- 14 Report', began as an informal investigation in detention and internment
- operations by the 800th Military Police Brigade, focusing in particular on
- 16 allegations of mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib Prison; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Major General Taguba's investigative team gathered
- 18 evidence, completed its report and presented the findings to General
- 19 McKiernan; and
- WHEREAS, while Major General Taguba's superiors limited the scope
- 21 of the inquiry to the Military Police Brigade's conduct, Major General Taguba
- 22 used the report to highlight the inadequacy of military intelligence officers
- 23 and private contractors, were directly or indirectly responsible for the abuses;
- 24 and
- 25 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba has been described by
- 26 his peers as an officer with an outstanding work ethic who calls it the way he

1 sees it; and

2 WHEREAS, Major General Antonio M. Taguba has assumed his new

3 post in Washington D.C. as Deputy Assistant Secretary for reserve affairs;

4 now, therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Ocho Na

6 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, welcome

7 Major General Antonio M. Taguba to the island of Guam and expresses Un

8 Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for providing the keynote speech at the

9 University of Guam's Alumni Association dinner on October 14, 2005; and be

10 it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive

12 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

13 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major General

14 Antonio M. Taguba; to Mr. Mark Mendiola, President of the University of

15 Guam Alumni Association; to Dr. Harold Allen, President of the University of

16 Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005.

MARK FORBES

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature