

**I MINA 'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2006 (Second) REGULAR SESSION**

**Resolution No. 154 (EC)**

**Introduced by:**

**A.R. Unpingco**

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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE SOLDIERS OF  
THE 1224<sup>TH</sup> 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 MINA'**  
2 **BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the 1224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment ("the 1224<sup>th</sup>") is a unit of 54  
4 of Guam's finest Soldiers in the Guam Army National Guard who have  
5 dedicated their lives to serving our country, to protecting our people and to  
6 standing up for freedom and justice throughout the world; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the 1224<sup>th</sup> has spent the last year deployed in Afghanistan  
8 in support of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in the Regional  
9 Command East; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the 1224<sup>th</sup> supported more than 10 base camps in the  
11 Regional Command East in Afghanistan, with improvements including  
12 additional housing, force protection improvements, roads, landing zones,  
13 airfields, plumbing and electrical work; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the unit was the tip of the spear in the building of two  
2 expeditionary camps from the ground up to support democracy in  
3 Afghanistan through the Afghanistan Parliamentary Elections, building two  
4 fully functional camps in less than a month's time equipped with billeting,  
5 showers, burn-out latrines, force protection perimeter, guard towers and  
6 bunkers; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Forty-three (43) Soldiers in the unit were awarded the  
8 Combat Action badge for being engaged by direct and indirect enemy fires at  
9 various locations and times throughout the deployment; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the unit played a major role in the upgrade of the FOB  
11 Salerno Airfield resulting in the emplacement of 650 feet of AM2 matting on  
12 the runway touchdown points in just under five (5) days, allowing the  
13 runway to remain open after major rain storms; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the 1224<sup>th</sup> managed a Five Hundred Thousand Dollar  
15 (\$500,000) heavy equipment contract that included over 20 pieces of rolling  
16 stock and over 25 local national employees; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the 1224<sup>th</sup> managed a Three Hundred Thousand Dollar  
18 (\$300,000) concrete batching plant capable of producing over 300 cubic meters  
19 of concrete per day; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the unit built Five (5) major culverts on FOB Salerno that  
21 greatly improved the drainage problem that existed on the FOB; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the unit led the effort to construct the FOB Salerno Basic  
23 Load Ammunition Holding Area (BLAHA) that resulted in the movement of  
24 over Seventy Thousand (70,000) Cubic Yards of dirt and the creation of Fifteen

1 (15) cells of store ammunition, resulting in a storage area that meets safety  
2 standoff; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 1224<sup>th</sup> has displayed a dedication to duty and a bravery  
4 in combat and service that is worthy of recognition and honor from our  
5 country and our island; now, therefore be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of  
7 the people of Guam does hereby commend and honor the Soldiers of the  
8 1224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment for their valor, dedication and service to our  
9 island and our country; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby  
11 Welcome Home our Soldiers after such an outstanding Tour of Duty; and be it  
12 further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
14 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
15 thereafter transmitted to Captain Ronnie B. Delfin, 1224<sup>th</sup> Engineer  
16 Detachment Commander; to Major General Donald J. Goldhorn, the Adjutant  
17 General of the Guam Army National Guard; and, to the Honorable Felix P.  
18 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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