


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

Exec. Comm.
Resolution No. 203

Introduced by:

 **A.R. Unpingco**

**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.**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in June 1992 he was transferred to HHC, 1-294th Infantry Battalion; in October 1993 he was transferred to the Service Detachment, 1-

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294th Infantry Battalion as a vehicle driver (88M); and he is currently assigned to Foxtrot Company, 297th BSB, 207th IBC as a vehicle mechanic; and

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

WHEREAS, SPC Abian is a 1980 graduate of George Washington High School, and his military schools include: Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (63B) at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, the 88M Course at Ft. Leonardwood, MO; he also attended Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Juan Muna, Guam; and

WHEREAS, SPC Abian has received the following awards: Army Achievement Medal (2nd award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (3rd award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device (2nd award), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (2nd award), Guam Commendation Award (3 oakleaf clusters), Driver and Mechanic Badge; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2005, SPC Abian was traveling south from Baghdad and heading towards Camp Scania when an ambush of multiple Improvised Explosive Devices (also known as IEDs), mortars, and small arms fire blew up near and around his vehicle; and

WHEREAS, with small arms fire coming from both sides of the road, SPC Leon Guerrero and SPC Roberto B. Abian started returning suppressive

fire through their vehicle windows at the direction of enemy fire, and they suffered injuries as a result of this engagement; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to SPC Roberto B. Abian; to Major General Donald Goldhorn, Adjutant General, Guam National Guard; and, to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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