





**MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 8 (EC)**

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio   
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Relative to welcoming Major General Antonio M. Taguba to Guam and, 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.

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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY the Executive Committee of *I MINA'BENTE***  
2 ***OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS,** Antonio M. Taguba was born on October 31, 1950 in  
4 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,** Antonio M. Taguba's father, Tomas, also served as a soldier  
7 in the Philippine Scouts for twenty years; and

8           **WHEREAS,** Antonio M. Taguba attended Hawaii's Leilehua high school  
9 and later enrolled at Idaho State University where he graduated in 1972; and

10          **WHEREAS,** Major General Antonio M. Taguba is the second highest  
11 ranking Filipino-American in the history of the United States Army; and

12          **WHEREAS,** Major General Antonio M. Taguba trained as an armored  
13 officer and served as acting director of the Army staff under General Eric K.  
14 Shineski, then Army Chief of Staff during the Iraq War; and

15          **WHEREAS,** prior to his commission to serve as acting director of the  
16 Army staff, Major General Antonio M. Taguba was the head of the Army  
17 Community and Family Support Center that focused on Army Life; and

18          **WHEREAS,** Major General Antonio M. Taguba authored a report  
19 revealing abuses of prisoners of Abu Ghraib Prison, Iraq; and

20          **WHEREAS,** the fifty-three page report, known as the 'Taguba report'  
21 began as an informal investigation in detention and internment operations by  
22 the 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade, focusing in particular on allegations of  
23 mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib Prison; and

24          **WHEREAS,** Major General Taguba's investigative team gathered  
25 evidence, completed their report and presented the findings to General  
26 McKiernan; and

1           **WHEREAS**, while Major General Taguba’s superiors limited the scope  
2 of the inquiry to the military police brigade’s conduct, Major General Taguba  
3 also used the report to highlight the inadequacy of military intelligence  
4 officers and private contractors, whom were directly or indirectly responsible  
5 for the abuses; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Major General Antonio M. Taguba has been described by  
7 his peers to be an officer with an outstanding work ethic who calls it the way  
8 he sees it ; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Major General Antonio M. Taguba has assumed his new  
10 post in Washington D.C. as Deputy Assistant Secretary for reserve affairs; and  
11 now, therefore be it

12           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*  
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, welcome  
14 Major General Antonio M. Taguba to the island of Guam and expresses a *un*  
15 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* on behalf of the people of Guam for providing  
16 the key note speech at the University of Guam’s Alumni Association dinner  
17 on October 14, 2005; and be it further

18           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
19 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
20 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major General  
21 Antonio M. Taguba; to Mark Mendiola, President of the University of Guam  
22 Alumni Association; to Dr. Harold Allen, President of the University of  
23 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 GUÁHAN* ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL 2005.**

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MARK FORBES  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

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