

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 102

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Relative to commending Major James K. Kossler, United States Air Force, for his highly successful tour of duty on Guam and particularly for his efforts to promote a better relationship between the United States Air Force and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Major Kossler, a career military officer from Ohio, arrived**
4 **at Andersen Air Force Base, in July 2005, and has since unselfishly promoted**
5 **friendship and cultural awareness between the United States Air Force and**
6 **the people of Guam; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler, an architect, was assigned as Operations
2 Flight Commander, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, emphasized the strategic
3 importance of Guam and has advocated for infrastructure improvements to
4 the island. He managed a Thirty-four Million Dollar (\$34M) a year budget
5 bringing valuable work to Guam contractors and suppliers. As a member of
6 the Guam Society of American Military Engineers, he worked with local
7 engineering firms and contractors to improve teamwork and dialogue; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler, as a strong environmental advocate,
9 managed Pacific Air Force’s only EPA-permitted landfill and dramatically
10 increased the base’s recycling program. His team diverted and recycled
11 thousands of tons of metal, green waste and rocks, 100 tons of cardboard and
12 3 million pounds of metal; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler strengthened Andersen’s unique relationship
14 with the 254th Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air National Guard, using
15 “Guard Days” to provide employment for over fifty (50) Air National Guard
16 members within the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, thus keeping Andersen’s
17 mission on track when personnel were deployed for the Global War on
18 terrorism; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler was a champion of support for Team
20 Andersen’s quality of life; he directed and supported the major holiday
21 festivities at Andersen including the Rota Walk Holiday Lights Festival, the
22 tree lighting ceremony at Arc Light Park and the annual Tops in Blue
23 performance; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler and his flight took every opportunity to help
25 out in the Guam community, including donating supplies and time to Guam

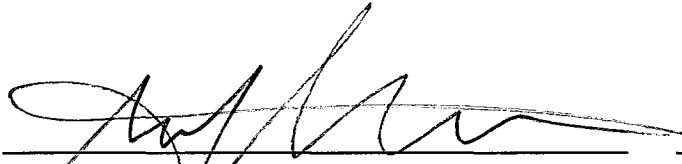
1 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler and his flight took every opportunity to help
2 out in the Guam community, including donating supplies and time to Guam
3 Animals in Need (GAIN), refurbishing the USO at the Royal Orchid Hotel and
4 installing and maintaining the memorial to the last B-29 Mission at Andersen
5 for the Guam Visitors Bureau; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler’s tour of duty at Andersen is now at an end
7 and he will be solely missed; now, therefore, be it

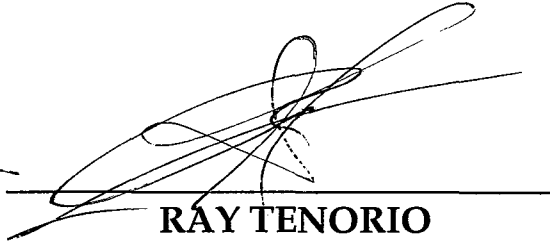
8 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
10 people of Guam, commend and express deep gratitude to Major James K.
11 Kossler, United States Air Force, for his many contributions to the people of
12 Guam; we salute him particularly for his efforts to promote a better
13 relationship between the Air Force and people of Guam and we wish Major
14 Kossler continued success in his military career; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
16 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
17 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major James K.
18 Kossler; to Brigadier General Douglas Owens, 36th Wing Commander; to
19 Colonel Mark Talley, 36th Mission Support Group Commander; and to the
20 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 21ST
DAY OF JUNE 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature