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Relative to commending Technical Sergeant Walter C. Gobin, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

- 2 MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Walter C. Gobin, a career NCO, came to Andersen
- 4 Air Force Base, Guam in August 2004, and has given unselfishly in promoting
- 5 friendship and cultural awareness between the United States Air Force and

1 the people of Guam, and has had an outstanding tour of duty in Guam, where

his presence will be surely missed by friends in the military as well as the

3 civilian community; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Walter C. Gobin, as Structural Specialist from Cornish, New Hampshire, who was assigned as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, has shown deep compassion for the people of Guam by his efforts in working with the Boy Scouts of America. He ensured twenty-one (21) boys enjoyed a memorable experience earning a scuba diving merit badge and learning about Guam's underwater world. He set up a wireless, computerized accountability system helping the F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School establish a library with five thousand (5000) donated books and cleaned eight (8) viruses off of donated computers for the school's use; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gobin's support of local events includes Project AWARE's International Cleanup Day, participating in three (3) of Guam's coastal cleanups removing over 4.5 tons of debris from the reefs. He participated in an international mooring instillation project. He assisted with the instillation of five (5) boat moorings, saving Guam's reefs from damage done by dive boats dropping anchors on the reefs; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gobin was a champion of support to Team Andersen's community relations; he led the setup and preparation of a secure site for Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to Guam, working directly with Secret Service and the White House staff to set up a stage, barriers, press box, and passageway for the event. He packed seventy (70) pallets with new

clothing, shoes, fishing gear, snorkeling equipment, and food items for the 1 2 "Fifty-fourth (54th) Annual Humanitarian Christmas Drop." His efforts ensured over twenty-one (21) tons of much-needed supplies were delivered to 3 fifty-nine (59) remote Micronesian islands. He represented the 36th Civil 4 Engineer Squadron as the point of contact in the setup for Tops in Blue three 5 (3) years in a row. He planned and executed the setup of the stage and 6 7 seating areas for the community relations bolstering event. His efforts set the 8 pace for a great performance for three thousand (3000) visitors. Additionally, 9 Sergeant Gobin was instrumental during the Air Force Thunderbirds 2004 visit to Guam. He set up security fencing and volunteered to represent 10 11 Andersen during the weekend event, patrolling the grounds to help visitors 12 who needed assistance. He also led the annual CES haunted house, raising 13 over Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) over a three (3) year period for 14 Christmas celebrations; and 15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gobin was a key player in his squadron's receipt 16 of the "Pacific Air Forces' Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit Award", small

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gobin was a key player in his squadron's receipt of the "Pacific Air Forces' Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit Award", small unit category, and one of the three (3) finalists for the "2005 Award", Air Force-wide. In addition, he helped earn an "Excellent" rating for the "2005 Initial Readiness Response Inspection"; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and express deep gratitude to Technical Sergeant Walter C. Gobin, United States Air Force, for his many contributions to the people of Guam, and salute him for his outstanding duty and particularly in

- 1 his efforts to promote a better relationship between the United States Air
- 2 Force and the people of Guam, and does wish Sergeant Gobin continued
- 3 success in his military career; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
- 5 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
- 6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to TSgt Walter C.
- 7 Gobin; to Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Ridilla, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron
- 8 Commander; to Colonel Mark S. Tally, 36th Mission Support Group
- 9 Commander; to Brigadier General Douglas H. Ownes, 36th Wing Commander;
- and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30^{TH}

DAY OF JULY 2007.

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Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature