

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 169

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Relative to commending and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Ridilla, United States Air Force, for his highly successful tour of duty on Guam and particularly for his efforts to promote and foster 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, Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Ridilla, a Career Officer, who**
4 **came to Andersen AFB, Guam in July 2006, has since given unselfishly in**
5 **promoting friendship between the United States Air Force and the people of**

1 Guam, and who has had an outstanding tour of duty on Guam, where his
2 presence will surely be missed by his friends and associates; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla, a Professional Civil Engineer
4 from Ohio, was assigned as Commander, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron and
5 has demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam and has
6 been a strong advocate for increased construction and infrastructure
7 improvements to the island. He masterfully managed a staggering Two
8 Hundred Million Dollars in construction projects, bringing valuable work to
9 Guam contractors and suppliers. As the 1st Vice President of the Guam
10 Society of American Military Engineers Post, he partnered with Local
11 Engineering Firms and the Guam Contractor's Association to improve
12 teamwork and dialogue between Military and Civilian Engineers; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla continued to strengthen the
14 unique partnership with the 254th Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air
15 National Guard. He garnered Air National Guard man-days from
16 Headquarters Pacific Air Forces providing employment for Air National
17 Guard members within the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron. This relationship
18 provides the opportunity for the Guam Air National Guard Civil Engineers to
19 complete their engineering skills training while completing work orders that
20 support the Andersen community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla is a staunch supporter of Base
22 appearance. Through his leadership, the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron shines
23 with its in-house Grounds Maintenance Team of thirty (30) civilian
24 employees. This team consistently maintained Andersen's grounds in

1 prestige condition. He continues to maintain Andersen in such a pristine
2 condition, making all who come to the Island of Guam via Andersen AFB
3 revel in its natural beauty. As an example, he made the Base ready for the
4 Vice President of the United States and hundreds of distinguished visitors
5 each year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was a champion of support to
7 Team Andersen’s quality of life; he directed the support for the major holiday
8 festivities on Andersen including the Rota Walk Holiday Lights Festival, the
9 Tree Lighting Ceremony in Arc Light Park, and the Annual Tops in Blue
10 performance. His work force constructed stages and provided utility and
11 participant support, improving base and community quality of life; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was a strong environmental
13 advocate; he exceptionally managed Pacific Air Force only Environmental
14 Protection Agency permitted landfill and dramatically increased the Base
15 recycling program. He also partnered with the Guam Environmental
16 Protection Agency to enhance the island’s recycling programs. Lieutenant
17 Colonel Ridilla also initiated the Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13M) clean-up of
18 the *Urunao* World War II dump site; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was dedicated to public safety;
20 his Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts responded to and safely destroyed
21 hazardous munition items found on both Andersen Air Force Base and in the
22 local community including two (2) 500-pound World War II bombs found
23 near Ritidian Point. Under his leadership as the Base Fire Marshall, his fire
24 fighters were instrumental in joint operations in the local community with the

1 Guam Fire Department, including extinguishing a raging wild land fire on
2 *Mount Santa Rosa* where expert coordination between firefighters saved a \$20
3 Million radar system and one hundred (100) homes. This mutual aid was
4 returned when his Department and the Yigo Fire Department extinguished a
5 B-2 bomber after it crashed on Andersen Air Force Base; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla takes every opportunity to help
7 the local villages of Guam. His Airmen have spent numerous hours
8 volunteering at local churches, Guam Animals in Need, accomplishing a
9 myriad of maintenance and clean-up and the Habitat for Humanity. He has
10 personally spent additional time supporting beach clean-up efforts; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla is engaged in activities in the
12 surrounding islands, during his tenure, two (2) Air Force Civic Action Teams
13 deployed to Belau where they provided construction projects and medical
14 visits to all states within the republic. Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla also led to
15 the purchase and delivery of a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader to the team which
16 was used immediately on critical road repairs. Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla
17 was also a staunch supporter of Operation Christmas Drop the longest
18 running humanitarian air drop operation in history; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, commend and express deep gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel
22 Peter A. Ridilla, United States Air Force, for his many contributions to the
23 people of Guam, we salute him for outstanding duty and particularly in his
24 efforts to promote a better relationship between the Air Force and the people

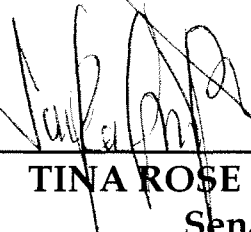
1 of Guam, and does wish Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla continued success in his
2 military career; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant
6 Colonel Peter Ridilla, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander; to Brigadier
7 General Douglas Owens, 36th Wing Commander; to Colonel Mark Talley,
8 36th Mission Group Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31ST
DAY OF MARCH 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker and
Chairwoman, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature