

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 190

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**Relative to posthumously commending and congratulating
Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith, the Guam Police
Department's "2008 Police Officer of the Year".**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Police Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith, affectionately
4 known by his family, friends and fellow officers as "Smitty", was born on
5 Guam on August 30, 1972, to Frank Borja Smith and Teresita Paulino Fejeran
6 Smith of Malojloj, Guam, and was the eldest sibling of Gerald Smith and

1 Leilani Smith; he was also a loving husband to Tishawwna Palomo Hernandez
2 Smith and a proud father to Tamara Perez and Kae'Ana Justine Smith; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Frankie Eugene Smith, a graduate of the Guam Community
4 College Basic Law Enforcement Academy, proudly and bravely served his
5 island and country as a member of the Guam Police Department's 37th Police
6 Cycle and as an Army and Air Force Reservist since 1994; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in December 1997, when Frankie Smith was sworn in ahead
8 of schedule as a Police Officer for the purpose of assisting residents of Guam
9 suffering from the effects of *Super Typhoon Paka*, he began a decade of
10 dedication to protecting and serving the community that he loved; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Frankie Smith worked hard to become a better and more
12 complete officer, seeking and receiving extensive training in various areas of
13 law enforcement, including the detection of illegal substances, forensic scene
14 investigation, and responding to terrorist bombings; he was amply trained
15 from various local and federal law enforcement and government agencies
16 including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of
17 Justice, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Officer Frankie Eugene Smith was an exemplary officer,
19 receiving numerous letters of commendation and meritorious service awards
20 for outstanding performance on the job, recognition by precinct commanders,
21 supervisors, the Chief of Police, and Governor Carl Gutierrez; Frankie Eugene
22 Smith was dedicated to the cause and took great pride in protecting Guam's
23 streets, a fact not lost on GPD's top brass when they specifically selected
24 Officer Smith as a member of the Department's Violent Street Crimes Task

1 Force (VSCTF), where he played an integral role in the task force's seizure of
2 almost Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in illegal drugs, firearms, explosives,
3 and illegally-gained currency; and

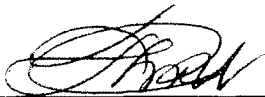
4 **WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2007, Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith, a
5 long time member of the Tamuning/Tumon Precinct, a ten (10) year veteran
6 of the Guam Police Department, and a tenacious law enforcer, was struck by a
7 drunk driver while on his motorcycle patrolling his beat and responding to an
8 incident in the village; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
11 people of Guam, posthumously recognize and commend Sergeant Frankie
12 Eugene Smith as the Guam Police Department's 2008 Police Officer of the
13 Year; and be it further

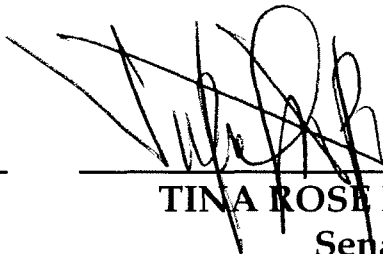
14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
15 people of Guam are reminded of the words spoken by Vivien Eney, spouse of
16 fallen U.S. Capitol Police Officer Christopher Eney as we recognize Sergeant
17 Frankie Smith, that it is not how Smitty died that made him a hero, but how
18 he lived; Sergeant Smith's bravery, displayed on the evening he selflessly paid
19 the ultimate sacrifice of a police officer and gave his life in the line of duty,
20 isn't what garnered him the selection of Police Officer of the Year, but it is
21 because he was an exemplary cop, a wonderful example of commitment and
22 dedication to his fellow law enforcement officers on the job and protecting
23 and serving the people of Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
2 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
3 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of
4 the late Frankie Eugene Smith, his wife Mrs. Tishawanna Palomo Hernandez
5 Smith and daughters Tamara Perez and Kae'Ana Justine Smith; to his parents
6 Frank Borja Smith and Teresita Fejeran Smith; to Chief of Police Paul Suba of
7 the Guam Police Department; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
8 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 6TH
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature