

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 212

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Relative to commending Mr. Seikichi “Mr. Paul” Kaneshiro, Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam for his over sixty-six (66) total years of service to the United States government and congratulating him on his retirement.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Seikichi “Mr. Paul” Kaneshiro has more years of
4 federal service than anyone in the Air Force, according to Air Force Personnel
5 Center officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Seikichi Kaneshiro, known by many as “Mr. Paul,” is
7 the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron's (Andersen Air Force Base, Guam)
8 Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, with sixty-three (63) years of service
9 as a civilian employee and three (3) years in the Army, has collectively
10 worked sixty-six (66) years for the government; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Kaneshiro, as the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron’s
12 Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, supervises twenty-eight (28) military
13 and civilian personnel, who perform maintenance and minor construction of
14 facilities in renovations, as well as, reviewing and approving facility work
15 orders, and identifying and correcting facility integrity issues; and

16 **WHEREAS,** in 1943, Mr. Kaneshiro joined the military during World
17 War II, embarking on a military experience that could resemble a modern-day
18 war movie. He left Hawaii on a ship to San Francisco, and from there he took
19 a train through the Sierra Mountains to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for basic
20 training. After basic training, he traveled for twenty-nine (29) days on a liberty
21 ship to the Strait of Gibraltar; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Kaneshiro was assigned to the 522nd Field Artillery, a
23 part of the famed 442nd “Go for Broke!” Battalion, consisting of all Japanese-

1 American Soldiers. Mr. Kaneshiro and all the Japanese-Americans fought
2 valiantly against the Germans during World War II. They overcame racism
3 and completed some of the hardest battles of World War II just to prove they
4 were as American as any European-descended family; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in April 1944, during his time in Germany, Mr. Kaneshiro
6 met Paula, his future wife. After serving with the U.S. Army in Germany,
7 France and Italy, Mr. Kaneshiro went back to Hawaii where he was
8 discharged from the military in December 1945. His job as a woodcraftsman
9 for the Hickam Air Depot was still waiting for him. He worked there for
10 seven (7) months before he packed up and left Hawaii again, this time for
11 good; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1946, Typhoon Querida devastated Guam and Mr.
13 Kaneshiro volunteered to help rebuild parts of the island. While on Guam, he
14 worked at Harmon Field as part of the 20th Air Force, which was deactivated
15 in 1949. He then transferred to North Field, now known as Andersen Air
16 Force Base, where he ascended through the ranks. He said he had only
17 planned to be in Guam for two (2) years, but he liked his job so much and
18 never got on the plane back to Hawaii, except when he returned briefly in
19 1951 to reunite with and marry Paula, and brought her to Guam to start a new
20 life; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kaneshiro's long and storied career began in January
22 1942 as a carpenter at Hickam Air Depot in Hawaii. From March 1943 to
23 January 1946, Mr. Kaneshiro was a Heavy Machine Gunner in the U.S. Army
24 522nd Field Artillery "Go for Broke!" Battalion. From January 1946 to

1 November 1946, Mr. Kaneshiro was a Federal Civil Service member as a
2 carpenter at Hickam Air Depot. From November 1946 to September 1949, Mr.
3 Kaneshiro was a carpenter in Marama 262 C/O at Harmon Field, Guam.
4 From September 1949 to May 1952, Mr. Kaneshiro was a carpenter at
5 Northfield, Guam. From May 1952 to June 1971, Mr. Kaneshiro served as a
6 carpentry/mason supervisor, 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andersen Air
7 Force Base, Guam. Finally, Mr. Kaneshiro is now the Maintenance and
8 Operations Supervisor, 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andersen Air Force
9 Base, Guam, a position he has held since June 1971; and

10 **WHEREAS**, among his many awards, Mr. Kaneshiro has been awarded
11 the American Campaign Service Medal, the EAME Service Medal, the Asiatic
12 Pacific Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct
13 Medal, a Performance Award, a Notable Achievement Award, and a
14 Sustained Superior Performance Award; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Kaneshiro accomplished many things throughout the
16 last six (6) decades. One of the first major tasks he accomplished at Andersen
17 Air Force Base in 1972 was the modification of the design of the main gate's
18 concrete wall. He added the arches and designed the half circles in front and
19 back of the main gate shack. In 1974, he created the foundation for the B-52
20 currently at the Arc Light Memorial Park; and

21 **WHEREAS**, another project completed by Mr. Kaneshiro was the
22 construction of monuments outside the 13th Air Force, 36th Wing, and the
23 Logistics Group buildings. He assisted with the initial base-wide storm

1 shutter installation. He also redesigned the Civil Engineer Damage Control
2 Center and renovated the Civil Engineer paint shop; and

3 **WHEREAS**, among Mr. Kaneshiro's many other contributions to
4 Andersen was the renovation of the console of Andersen's Air Traffic Control
5 Tower. He renovated the Top of the Rock's Bar area and pool room. He also
6 designed the railing system around the monument at the famous Tarague
7 Overlook and spearheaded the planning of the renovation of the Wing Legal
8 Office; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his work at Andersen Air Force Base, Mr.
10 Kaneshiro also holds an extensive record of community volunteerism,
11 working on projects ranging from rebuilding the Dededo Convent which was
12 destroyed by Typhoon Karen; assisting the Oka Convent, building an altar
13 and two (2) lecterns; refinishing the chapel pews for the Bishop Baumgartner
14 School, and many other projects on island; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Seikichi Kaneshiro, whose several career mottos are
16 "Be Reasonable, Do It My Way"; "Mission Impossible"; and "Go For Broke!"
17 rightfully encapsulates his great sense of humor and his excellent and
18 unwavering work ethic, evident in his over six (6) decades of service to the
19 government; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Seikichi Kaneshiro is a devoted husband to his wife
21 Paula, and a loving father to his children: Claudia, Roy and Roger, while
22 managing a perfect balance in his life between his duties at the 36th Civil
23 Engineering Squadron and his household; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, congratulate Mr. Seikichi “Mr. Paul” Kaneshiro on his
4 retirement from government service and does extend to him sincere best
5 wishes for continued happiness as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of
6 his life; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
8 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
9 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Seikichi
10 “Mr. Paul” Kaneshiro and his wife Paula; to their children: Claudia, Roy and
11 Roger; to Brig. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, Commander, Andersen Air Force
12 Base, Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the
13 United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*
14 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH
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