

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 218**

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**Relative to extolling the accomplishments and achievements of Mr. Joaquin Leon Guerrero Salas, United States Marshal, and memorializing his service and commitment to Guam's Law Enforcement community and the people of Guam.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, Mr. Joaquin L.G. Salas began his career with the Guam**  
4        **Department of Public Safety as a Police Cadet in 1974, and personified**  
5        **professionalism and integrity while serving in public safety, and was**  
6        **honorably promoted to the rank of Police Officer I. During his early career**

1 years, he continuously exemplified public safety adeptness and was promoted  
2 to the rank of Police Officer II, in which he excelled in initiative and  
3 productivity, and attained the rank of Police Sergeant I shortly thereafter; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Salas was tasked with many supervisory  
5 assignments, including Patrol Supervisor, Police Academy Staff, Police  
6 Reserve Coordinator, and Detective; and he performed superbly, resulting in  
7 his promotion to Police Sergeant II; and

8       **WHEREAS**, Sergeant II Salas was assigned to the Special Enforcement  
9 Division and, as a Tactical Commander and Night Operations Commander of  
10 a Police Precinct, he continued to stand out as an example of a model Police  
11 Sergeant and earned a promotion to Police Lieutenant; and

12       **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Salas held staff positions as an Assistant  
13 Commander of Police Precinct, Officer in Charge of the Detention Division,  
14 Officer in Charge of Internal Affairs, and Commander of the Traffic Section of  
15 the Guam Police Department until his reposition as the Administrator of the  
16 Motor Vehicles Program of the Government of Guam Department of Revenue  
17 and Taxation, in 1988; and

18       **WHEREAS**, Mr. Salas oversaw the enforcement of federal and local  
19 motor vehicle laws, and administered Federal Programs for Motor Vehicles  
20 and Highway Safety, where he successfully garnered grants well over One  
21 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Traffic Management Systems on  
22 Guam, and also served as the Department of Revenue and Taxation's advisor  
23 on various programs such as Motor Carrier Safety and Vehicle Inspections,  
24 and was on the Governor's Office Legal Review Committee reviewing

1 Legislative bills until his transfer to the United States Marshals Service in  
2 1988; and

3         **WHEREAS**, Deputy U. S. Marshal Salas was the Senior Deputy in  
4 command of the District Court of Guam's operations staff and performed all  
5 duties associated with that position, including Security for the Federal Judicial  
6 Officers and family, jurors, and witnesses; he supervised the custody and  
7 transport of federal prisoners; he investigated federal fugitive cases and  
8 executed federal court orders such as summons, warrant, and seizures. He  
9 zealously coordinated and assisted other Federal Law Enforcement Agencies  
10 on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which  
11 resulted in highly effective coordinated joint law enforcement efforts until  
12 1997, when he was appointed by the President of the United States, with the  
13 advice and consent of the United States Senate, to the position of United States  
14 Marshal; and

15         **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas was responsible for the overall management  
16 of not only one (1), as is usually the case, but two (2) Judicial Districts, Guam  
17 and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, both of which are  
18 borders for entry into the United States. He has planned and coordinated law  
19 enforcement activities with other civilian and military federal entities, as well  
20 as local officials, on innumerable matters such as the housing and transporting  
21 of prisoners, the apprehension and arrest of criminals, and the execution of  
22 court orders. He was also responsible for the financial transactions related to  
23 court orders, including seizures and sale of property, collection of fees, as well  
24 as other pecuniary interests of the federal government; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas established a Fugitive Task Force Warrants  
2 Section, which includes members of the Guam Police Department, the  
3 Superior Court of Guam, and Port Authority Police, and the Section  
4 effectively increased the number of fugitive apprehensions by over five  
5 hundred percent (500%). The Warrants Section has successfully removed an  
6 ever-growing number of fugitives from Asian countries such as the  
7 Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Malaysia; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas was directly responsible for the delivery of  
9 approximately One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in cash and equipment to the  
10 Guam Police Department and the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency  
11 through the National Asset Forfeiture Program; he supervised and monitored  
12 the actual construction of the Three Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars  
13 (\$3,700,000) *Hagåtña* Federal Detention Facility; he revived the Federal Excess  
14 Property Program, which allows for the Defense Re-utilization Management  
15 Office (DRMO) to channel approximately Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$500,000) worth of equipment to the Guam Department of Corrections  
17 annually, and has coordinated for and provided state of the art law  
18 enforcement training in equipment, technology and investigative techniques  
19 to local law enforcement personnel on Guam; and

20           **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas, through his dedicated service, innovation,  
21 commitment and professionalism, has influenced, facilitated and enhanced  
22 law enforcement efforts on Guam and the CNMI; now, therefore, be it

23           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam; laud and honor United States Marshal Joaquin Leon  
2 Guerrero Salas for his thirty-four (34) years of service to the people of Guam,  
3 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States of  
4 America, and does express sincere gratitude for his contributions towards the  
5 enhancement of the Law Enforcement Community on Guam and the Pacific  
6 Region; and be it further

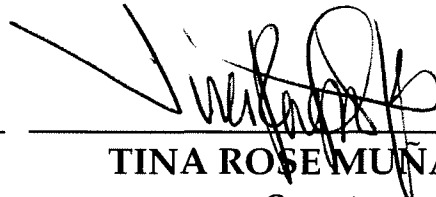
7       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive  
8 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
9 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joaquin  
10 Leon Guerrero Salas, United States Marshal; to Director John F. Clark, United  
11 States Marshals Service; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's  
12 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
13 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JUNE 2008.**



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



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**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature