I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee Resolution No. 64

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Relative to expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam to the Military Spouses of Guam for their sacrifices on behalf of our Nation's Defense.

| 1 | BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I |
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| 2 | MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN: |
| 3 | WHEREAS, in 1984, President Reagan proclaimed the Friday before |
| 4 | Mother's Day of each year to be Military Spouse Appreciation Day; and |
| 5 | WHEREAS, the spouses of our nation's military personnel are among |
| 6 | the unsung heroes of our country and our island, unselfish supporters of our |

national defense and the men and women who defend our freedoms and
 democratic way of life every day; and

3 WHEREAS, in today's post 9/11 political climate, where troops are 4 likely to be called to duty at any time, and many of our troops have served 5 repeatedly in Iraq and other hot spots around the world, the role of military 6 spouses is especially difficult and especially vital; and

WHEREAS, military spouses must watch a ship, aircraft or truck have
their sight, not sure when their loved ones will return, and suffer months of
worrying and being alone; and

WHEREAS, military spouses must make countless household moves
from a place they know to one that's strange and different -- often by
themselves; and

13 WHEREAS, military spouses hold together their families and celebrate 14 anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays alone, and often reach out to other 15 military spouses, truly creating a military family; and

16 WHEREAS, military spouses show spirit and strength when their 17 service member is in harm's way, and show pride while as ambassadors of the 18 military to the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, far too frequent, the sacrifices of military spouses have gone unappreciated, but a country cannot count itself strong by its armed services alone, but must also depend on its civilians; with military wives and husbands setting an example of devotion, courage, and commitment, we are a nation of strength; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 people of Guam, express its sincere gratitude and does hereby salute the 2 military spouses of Guam for their unselfish sacrifices and their unwavering 3 support of our military personnel and our democratic way of life; and be it 4 further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive 6 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 7 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Adjutant 8 General, Guam National Guard; to the Commander, Navy Region Marianas; 9 to the Commander, 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base; to the Commander, 10 U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I* 11 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 10^{TH} DAY OF MAY 2007.

MARK FORBES Speaker and Chairman, Executive Committee

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