

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 73

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Relative to recognizing and commending the 44th Aerial Port Squadron and its members for receiving the "Aerial Port Squadron of the Year for 2005 and 2006" and the "Air Reserve Component of the Year for 2006", and to express *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for its contributions to the island of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron exceeds the Air and Space**
4 **Expeditionary Force (AEF) expectations through extraordinary volunteerism**
5 **with seventy (70) members on contingency orders in support of Operations**

1 Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Endeavor; and has contributed
2 sixteen thousand fifteen (16,015) man days to achieve U.S. Global War On
3 Terror objectives; and

4 **WHEREAS**, members of the 44th Aerial Port Squadron including sixteen
5 (16) local personnel from Guam were known throughout the combat area of
6 operation as the busiest air mobility hub which provided twenty-two percent
7 (22%) in theater airlift to Al Udeid Air Base Qatar; and gives remarkable
8 support to the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron; and

9 **WHEREAS**, members from the 44th Aerial Port Squadron were sent to
10 Afghanistan to provide relief for the victims of the Pakistan Earthquake,
11 ensuring the success of largest Replacement In-place/Transfer of Authority
12 giving outstanding service as record numbers of personnel and equipment
13 were moved; and

14 **WHEREAS**, they saved the day by coordinating Central Command and
15 Air Mobility Directorate for an on-time solution when threatened by the lack
16 of appropriate airlift and the squadron was a key contributor to two (2) highly
17 visible and scrutinized U.S. Presidential missions; while on Guam, the
18 squadron provided phenomenal partnership with the 60th Aerial Port
19 Squadron for the Patriot Partner Annual Tour and supported Hurricane
20 Katrina relief efforts by expediting kilotons of cargo on four hundred sixty-six
21 (466) missions, the largest disaster relief in history; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron had a busy deployment
23 schedule that did not deter from normal active duty support. The squadron
24 made global mobility happen by deploying one hundred fifty-three (153)

1 members in seven (7) teams, providing two thousand two hundred ninety-
2 five (2,295) man days ensuring active port mission readiness; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron took the lead of two (2) ports
4 during Patriot Partner Annual Tour; its members moved 6.9 Kilotons of cargo,
5 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) passengers on one thousand three
6 hundred fifteen (1,315) airlift missions; twenty (20) members assisted 36th
7 Security Forces augmentation to host the 36th Air Expeditionary Wing by
8 providing security, improving host and tenant relations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron was commended for their
10 innovative management techniques which was focused on training. The
11 squadron advanced thirteen (13) new middle managers, eight (8) upper
12 management, and sixty-five (65) promotions receiving fifty (50) medals.
13 Placing leadership development as a priority, the squadron sent its members
14 to Leadership School and Non-commissioned Officer Academy. The results
15 were Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy graduates, and a Joint
16 Officer Leadership Development Seminar that is used to develop Company
17 Grade Officers; the squadron developed its Supervisors Institute to ensure
18 exemplary supervisory skills in all airmen; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron has welcomed thirty-five (35)
20 new members and its remarkable partnership with 734th Air Mobility
21 Squadron. The squadron developed a split Unit Training Assembly and a
22 split shift schedule thereby resulting in total force. The squadron's active duty
23 sister squadron continues to ask for more support proving that integration
24 works. The squadron provided increased support to port operations and

1 ensured greater hands-on and night operations training, uplifting the morale;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the unit's leadership is validated by the Air Force Climate
4 Survey with unsurpassed results of a hundred percent (100%) favorable rating
5 on trust in leadership; ninety-five percent (95%) in recognition; ninety-seven
6 percent (97%) in job satisfaction; ninety-eight percent (98%) in commitment
7 and that seventy percent (70%) response rate is on-target for the unit; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron supports and promotes
9 Quality of Life programs and family support. The Squadron organized a
10 huge "Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary Gala", recognizing a quarter of a
11 century of success and accomplishments. There were approximately five
12 hundred (500) people in attendance. With a robust Human Relations
13 Development Council, the Squadron reached out to Guam's Community
14 through leadership, mentoring and community support with more than one
15 hundred fifty (150) hours of service. When the community was in need, the
16 Squadron held fundraisings, participated in the American Cancer Society's
17 Relay for Life, the Saint Dominic's Hospital Charity, *Guma Trankilidat* Senior
18 Living, and the Guam Youth Football League; the Squadron has been
19 recognized by the 734th Air Mobility Squadron for its leadership role in the
20 annual Christmas Drop to the remote Micronesian Islands; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron hosted the first
22 "Employer/Boss Lift", which is an outreach program designed to promote
23 continued employer support of the Reserves. This activity provided over

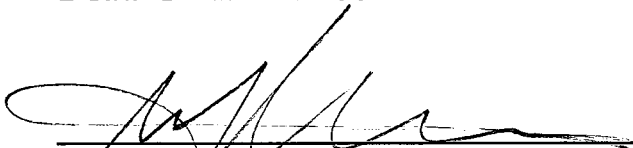
1 thirty (30) leaders of the civilian community the opportunity of a lifetime by
2 riding along and witnessing a U.S. Air Force refueling mission; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron is, without a doubt, the best
4 and busiest of Air Force Reserve Command Aerial Port Squadrons; always
5 prepared for deployment and immediate redeployment for Air Expeditionary
6 Force; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
8 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, express our congratulations, heartfelt appreciation and *Un*
10 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse*, to all the members of the 44th Aerial Port
11 Squadron; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
13 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
14 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant
15 Colonel Kraig E. Hankins, Commander, 44th Aerial Port Squadron; to
16 Brigadier General Douglas H. Owens, Commander, Andersen Air Force Base,
17 Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH
DAY OF MAY 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature