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Relative to commending Major James K. Kossler, United States Air Force, for his highly successful tour of duty on Guam and particularly for the efforts to promote a better relationship between the United States Air Force and the people of Guam.

1           **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler, a career officer, who came to Andersen Air  
2 Force Base, Guam in July 2005, and has since given unselfishly in promoting  
3 friendship and cultural awareness between the United States Air Force and  
4 the people of Guam and who has an outstanding tour of duty in Guam, where  
5 his presence will surely be missed by friends and associates; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler, an Architect from Ohio, was assigned as  
7 Operations Flight Commander, 36<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron and  
8 demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam and has been a  
9 strong advocate for increased construction and infrastructure improvements  
10 to the island. He masterfully managed a \$34 million dollar a year budget  
11 bringing valuable work to Guam contractors and suppliers. As a member of

1 the Guam Society of American Military Engineers, partnered with local  
2 engineering firms and contractors to improve teamwork and dialogue  
3 between civilian and Military engineers; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler, as a strong environmental advocate,  
5 exceptionally managed Pacific Air Forces only EPA-permitted landfill and  
6 dramatically increased the base's recycling program. His team diverted  
7 thousands of tons of metal green waste and rocks to be recycled as mulch and  
8 aggregate respectively. Additionally, his team recycled over 100 tons of  
9 cardboard and 3 million pounds of metal; and

10       **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler was instrumental in strengthening the  
11 unique partnership with the 254<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air  
12 National Guard. He garnered "Guard Days" from Headquarters Pacific  
13 Command providing employment for over 50 Air National Guard members  
14 within the 36<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. The man-days were essential to  
15 keeping Andersen's mission on track when personnel were deployed for the  
16 global war on terrorism; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler was a champion of support for Team  
2 Andersen’s quality of life; he directed support for the major holiday festivities  
3 on Andersen including the Rota Walk Holiday Lights Festival, the tree  
4 lighting ceremony at Arc Light Park and the annual Tops in Blue  
5 performance. His work force constructed stages and provided utilities and  
6 participant support and community and quality of life; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Major Kossler and his flight take every opportunity to help  
8 out in the Guam community including donating supplies and time to Guam  
9 Animals in Need (GAIN), refurbishing the USO at the Royal Orchid Hotel,  
10 and installing and maintaining the memorial to the last B-29 Mission at  
11 Andersen for the Guam Visitors Bureau; and

12           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'bente Nuebi Na*  
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does herby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
14 people of Guam commend and express deep gratitude to Major James K.  
15 Kossler, United States Air Force, for his many contributions to the people of  
16 Guam, we salute him for outstanding duty and particularly in his efforts to  
17 promote a better relationship between the Air Force and people of Guam and

1 does wish Major Kossler continued success in his military career; and be it  
2 further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairman of the Executive  
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
5 here of and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major James K.  
6 Kossler, Brigadier General Douglas Owens, 36<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander and Col  
7 Mark Talley, 36<sup>th</sup> Mission Support group Commander, and to the Honorable  
8 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

9 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
10 **OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURANRAN GUÅHAN ON**  
11 **THE \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_ 2007.**

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| 13 <b>MARK FORBES</b><br>14 <b>Speaker and</b><br>15 <b>Chairman, Executive Committee</b> | <b>Ray Tenorio</b><br><b>Senator and</b><br><b>Secretary of the Legislature</b> |
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