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

Executive Committee Resolution No. // ১

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes

Relative to commending and congratulating the recipients of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapters 1315 787, 2007 and the Asia Pacific Department for their courage in the defense of freedom and democracy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

- 2 MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapter
- 4 1315, was chartered on November 11, 2003 with twenty-seven (27) members;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, a second Chapter 787 was chartered on November 11,
- 7 2005 with thirty-seven (37)members; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a third Chapter 2007 was chartered on November 11, 2006
- 9 with forty seven (47) members called the Marianas Chapter which include the
- 10 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Rota;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Asia Pacific Department was established on April 2007,
- 13 making Guam the headquarters to oversee the Commonwealth of the
- 14 Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the
- 15 Republic of the Philippines; and

- 1 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George
- 2 Washington, at Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782, during the
- 3 Revolutionary War; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Order of the Purple Heart was established by the
- 5 President of the United States of America, per War Department General Order
- 6 3 in 1932; and
- WHEREAS, the Order of the Purple Heart is currently awarded
- 8 pursuant to Executive Order 11016, executed on April 25, 1962, Executive
- 9 Order 12464, executed on February 23, 1984 and United States Public Law 98-
- 10 25, executed on October 19, 1984; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is awarded in the
- 12 name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed
- 13 Forces of the United States who, while serving after April 5, 1917 has been
- 14 wounded or killed, or dies or may hereafter die after being wounded in any
- action against an enemy of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, the single bond that unites members of the Military Order
- of the Purple Heart is that each has sustained a wound inflicted by an enemy
- 18 in combat; and
- 19 **WHEREAS**, there is no exclusion by war or branch of service, that the
- 20 members' common bond is that they have given their blood; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart exists to serve not
- 22 only wounded combat veterans, but all veterans and their dependents; and
- 23 WHEREAS, the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart
- 24 Chapters 1315, 787, 2007 and the Asia Pacific Department gave their bodies
- 25 and souls for the people of Guam and others throughout the world in the
- 26 cause of freedom and democracy; and

1	WHEREAS, without the courage of the members of the Military Order
2	of the Purple Heart Chapters 1315, 787, 2007 and the Asia Pacific Department,
3	we would not be enjoying the very freedom we have today; now, therefore, be
4	it
5	RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'bente Nuebi Na
6	Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
7	people of Guam, commend and congratulate all recipients of the Military
8	Order of the Purple Heart Chapters 1315, 787, 2007 and the Asia Pacific
9	Department; and be it further
10	RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
11	Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
12	hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Asia Pacific
13	Department , Jack Shimizu, Commander; the Military Order of the Purple
14	Heart, Guam Chapter 1315, Nicolas D. Francisco, Commander; to the Military
15	Order of the Purple Heart, Guam Chapter 787, John G. Taitano, Commander
16	Guam Chapter 2007, Jose Q. Salas, Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P.
17	Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2ND DAY OF AUGUST 2007.

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

Ray Tenorio Senator and Secretary of the Legislature