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I MINA 'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 150

Introduced by:

J.V. Espaldon *[Signature]*

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE GUAM  
NATIONAL GUARD ON THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE NATIONAL GUARD'S 371<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY,  
AND TO THANKING ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR  
MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ISLAND AND  
OUR NATION OVER THE YEARS.

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

3 WHEREAS, the National Guard of the United States is the oldest  
4 component of the U.S. Armed Forces and one of the nation's longest-enduring  
5 institutions; and

6 WHEREAS, the National Guard traces its roots back to October 7, 1636  
7 during the formation of the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony;  
8 Responsible for their own defense, the colonists drew on English military  
9 tradition and organized their able-bodied male citizens into militias; and

10 WHEREAS, in the last 371 years, the National Guard has contributed to  
11 our national security, to the protection of our citizens at home and abroad, to  
12 the peace and welfare of every American, young and old; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of the National Guard have displayed some  
14 of the most indisputable courage, sacrifices beyond the call of duty, and a

1 willingness to put themselves in harm's way in the name of freedom and for  
2 the lives of all American citizens; and

3       **WHEREAS**, more than 458,000 soldiers and airmen and women of the  
4 Guard serve worldwide, from Central America to the Middle East to the Far  
5 East, providing extraordinary service to the nation; and

6       **WHEREAS**, on December 24, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed  
7 Public Law 96-600 introduced by the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, officially authorizing the  
8 establishment of the Guam National Guard, Senator Eddie Duenas authored  
9 the local law to create the Guam National Guard, Governor Paul M. Calvo  
10 served as the first Commander-In-Chief and General Robert H. Neitz was  
11 appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

12       **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's Command  
13 headquarters was officially established with 32 charter members; and

14       **WHEREAS**, over the years, the Guam National Guard has grown from  
15 its original 32 charter members to nearly 1,200 members between its Army  
16 and Air Force Commands; and

17       **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to support  
18 national security objectives, and to this end it has performed admirably over  
19 the years, providing valuable national security functions in this part of the  
20 world and globally whenever and wherever needed; and

21       **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Guard members have served bravely  
22 and valiantly in missions and deployments around the world, including  
23 recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, and Korea, in which  
24 our Guardsmen and women have repeatedly distinguished themselves as  
25 outstanding members of our Armed Forces; and

1           **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to protect life  
2 and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members  
3 have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting our citizens on Guam  
4 during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives and  
5 providing order when chaos threatens to rule; and

6           **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to participate  
7 in local, state and national programs that add value to America, and while the  
8 activities that its members have participated in that accomplish this mission  
9 are too numerous to name, among the most valuable have been those efforts  
10 that have helped Guam recover after typhoons, earthquakes and other natural  
11 disasters; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Guam National Guard have  
13 touched so many lives, and helped so many families on Guam, and protected  
14 us through the toughest of times, and for this, they must be honored and  
15 appreciated; now therefore be it

16           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina ‘Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of  
17 the people of Guam does hereby congratulate the National Guard on 371  
18 years of outstanding and exceptional service; and be it further

19           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina ‘Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
20 hereby express its appreciation for the numerous contributions the members  
21 of the Guam National Guard have made to our people, our island and our  
22 nation over the years, and for the devoted service and courageous protection  
23 our Guardsmen and women have provided to our people in the past 26 years;  
24 and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
3 thereafter transmitted to Lt. General H Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard  
4 Bureau; to Major General Donald J. Goldhorn, Adjutant General of the Guam  
5 National Guard; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.**

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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker

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**RAY TENORIO**  
Secretary of the Legislature