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Exec. Committee
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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER A RIDILLA, UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE, FOR HIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TOUR
OF DUTY ON GUAM AND PARTICULARLY FOR HIS
EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER A BETTER
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

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

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Ridilla, a career officer, who
4 came to Andersen AFB, Guam in July 2006, has since given unselfishly in
5 promoting friendship between the United States Air Force and the people of
6 Guam, and who has had an outstanding tour of duty on Guam, where his
7 presences will surely be missed by his friends and associates; and

8 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla, a Professional Civil Engineer
9 from Ohio, was assigned as Commander, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron has

1 demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam and has been a
2 strong advocate for increased construction and infrastructure improvements
3 to the island. He masterfully managed a staggering two hundred million
4 (\$200m) in construction projects, bringing valuable work to Guam contractors
5 and suppliers. As the 1st Vice-President of the Guam Society of American
6 Military Engineers post, he partnered with local engineering firms and the
7 Guam Contractor's Association to improve teamwork and dialogue between
8 military and civilian engineers; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla continued to strengthen the
10 unique partnership with the 254th Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air
11 National Guard. He garnered Air National Guard man-days from
12 Headquarters Pacific Air Forces providing employment for Air National
13 Guard members within the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron. This relationship
14 provides the opportunity for the Guam Air National Guard civil engineers to
15 complete their engineering skills training while completing work orders that
16 support the Andersen community; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla is a staunch supporter of base
18 appearance. Through his leadership, the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron shines
19 with its in-house Grounds Maintenance Team of thirty (30) civilian
20 employees. This team consistently maintained Andersen's grounds in
21 prestige condition. He continues to maintain Andersen in such a pristine
22 condition, making all who come to the Island of Guam via Andersen AFB
23 revel in its natural beauty. As an example, he made the base ready for the

1 Vice President of the United States and hundreds of distinguished visitors
2 each year; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was a champion of support to
4 Team Andersen's quality of life; he directed the support for the major holiday
5 festivities on Andersen including the Rota Walk Holiday Lights Festival, the
6 tree lighting ceremony in Arc Light Park, and the annual Tops in Blue
7 performance. His work force constructed stages and provided utility and
8 participant support, improving base and community quality of life; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was a strong environmental
10 advocate; he exceptionally managed Pacific Air Forces only Environmental
11 Protection Agency permitted landfill and dramatically increased the base
12 recycling program. He also partnered with the Guam Environmental
13 Protection Agency to enhance the island's recycling programs. Lt Col Ridilla
14 also initiated the thirteen million dollars (\$13M) clean-up of the Uranao
15 World War II dump site; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was dedicated to public safety;
17 his Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts responded to and safely destroyed
18 hazardous munitions items found on both Andersen Air Force Base and in the
19 local community including two 500 pound World War II bombs found near
20 Ritidian Point. Under his leadership as the base Fire Marshall, his fire fighters
21 were instrumental in joint operations in the local community with the Guam
22 Fire Department, including extinguishing a raging wildland fire on Mount
23 Santa Rosa where expert coordination between firefighters saved a \$20 million

1 radar system and one hundred (100) homes. This mutual aid was returned
2 when his department and the Yigo Fire Department extinguished a B-2
3 bomber after it crashed on Andersen Air Force Base; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla takes every opportunity to help
5 the local villages of Guam. His Airmen have spent numerous hours
6 volunteering at local churches, Guam Animals in Need, accomplishing a
7 myriad of maintenance and clean-up and the Habitat for Humanity. He has
8 personally spent additional time supporting beach clean-up efforts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla is engaged in activities in the
10 surrounding islands, during his tenure, two Air Force Civic Action Teams
11 deployed to Palau where they provided construction projects and medical
12 visits to all states within the republic. Lt Col Ridilla also led to the purchase
13 and delivery of a Bobcat skid steer loader to the team which was used
14 immediately on critical road repairs. Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla was also a
15 staunch supporter of Operation Christmas Drop the longest running
16 humanitarian airdrop operation in history; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf
18 of the people of Guam, does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam
19 commend and express deep gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Ridilla,
20 United States Air Force, for his many contributions to the people of Guam, we
21 salute him for outstanding duty and particularly in his efforts to promote a
22 better relationship between the Air Force and the people of Guam, and does

1 wish Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla continued success in his military career; and
2 be it further

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of
4 the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Liheslaturan attest
5 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
6 to Lt. Col Peter Ridilla, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander; Brigadier
7 General Douglas Owens 36th Wing Commander; Colonel Mark Talley, 36th
8 Mission Group Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga'lahen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2008.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature