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Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating and commending Colonel Russell N. Cutting, Deputy Commander, Department of the Air Force 36th Mission Support Group on his new assignment to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii and express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments, and service to the 36th Mission Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base Guam and our island Community, 20 June 2006 to 9 June 2008.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting arrived on Guam on 20 June 2006 to assume his duties as the Deputy Commander of the Department of the Air Force, 36th Mission Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base; and

**WHEREAS,** the 36th Mission Support Group provides day-to-day mission support to more than nine thousand (9,000) military, civilian, dependent and retired personnel and twelve (12) associate units. The unit maintains expeditionary capability for Air Force missions deploying to, originating from and transiting through

Andersen Air Force Base. The Mission Support Group's span of control includes civil engineering, security forces, services, communications and information, contracting, logistics readiness, and mission support (personnel) squadrons; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting's key duties, tasks, and responsibilities as Deputy Commander to eight hundred eleven (811) military and five hundred ninety-eight (598) civilians in seven (7) squadrons and one Geographical Separated Unit (GSU). Colonel Cutting's unit provides acquisition, contracting, communications, design, construction, fire protection, and maintenance on all Air Force facilities/utilities on Guam. The unit also provides security, services, logistics, personnel, and law enforcement for base of Nineteen Thousand (19K) acres and Six Billion, Four Million Dollars (\$6.4B) in real property. Colonel Cutting also oversees the largest fuel storage in the United State Air Force and Pacific Air Forces to include activities of geographical separate unit in Canberra, Australia; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, *Cum Laude*, at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire in 1980. He completed Officer Training School as a Distinguished Graduate in 1986 from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, attended Squadron Officer School in 1991 at Maxwell Air

Force Base, Alabama again recognized a Distinguished Graduate. Colonel Cutting was bestowed a Master's degree in Military Operational Arts and Science at the Air Command and Staff College in Maxwell, Alabama in 2000. He participated by seminar in the Air War College-Nonresident Studies Program in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting's leadership aptitude, professionalism and integrity validates the major awards and decorations bestow upon him which includes the Meritorious Service Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting has served his country and our nation in the United States Air Force since 1983 whose tour of duty throughout his career encompasses an assignment as Morale, Welfare, Recreation (MWR) Operations Officer with the 436<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware from February 1986 - January 1989. His next tour of duty saw Colonel Cutting as the MWR Operations Officer in Yokota Air Base, Japan from January 1989 - March 1991 with the 475<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. Colonel Cutting was then assigned from March 1991 - January 1994 as Commander, Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting received orders to serve as Commander, Plans and Forces Management Flight, 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron from January 1994 - December 1996 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. From December 1996 - March 1998, Colonel Cutting was Flight Commander, Squadron Officer School, 31<sup>st</sup> Student Squadron at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He then was assigned Operations Officer from March 1998 - August 1999, Squadron Officer School, 34<sup>th</sup> Student Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. From August 1999 - June 2000, Colonel Cutting attended Alabama's Maxwell Air Force Base Air Command and Staff College; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Cutting was assigned Commander, 436<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware from June 2000 - August 2002 due to his assignment as Chief, Plans and Force Management Division, HQ AETC at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas from August 2002 - June 2004. Colonel Cutting then was assigned, Commander for the 99<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron from 2004 - June 2006 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Following that assignment, Colonel Cutting's tour of duty brought him to our island on 20 June 2006 as the Deputy Commander, 36<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting continues to demonstrate exemplary conduct, academic excellence, unit service, spirit of volunteerism and community service. Colonel Cutting's tour of duty, 20 June 2006 to 9 June 2008, marks his leadership of the United States Air Force 36th Mission Support Group which brought to Andersen Air Force Base the ground breaking of a new Base Exchange, the opening of a new Shoppette, the creation of "Hot Spot", the relocation of golf course clubhouse, and B-2 recovery operations; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Cutting along with his support group unit provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief for the Philippines in 2006 and 2007 and Bangladesh in 2007. Colonel Cutting coordinated and commanded "VALIANT SHIELD EXERCISE" the largest joint exercise since World War II comprised of One Hundred Seven (107) aircraft, Nineteen (19) airframes, and Eight Hundred (800) personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2007, Colonel Cutting spearheaded Seven Million Dollars ((\$7,000,000) encrypted Land Mobile Radio (LMR) upgrade increasing island coverage from Seventy-Five percent to Ninety-Five percent (75%-95%) one-year ahead of designated mandate. Guam's Northwest Field Buildup was realized under the command of Colonel Cutting – Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000)

in troop labor, One Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$160,000,000) in on-going active construction, a Fifty-Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$52,800,000) breaking ground for a Global Hawk maximum operations facility, conducted demonstration flights, a new paintball facility, One Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$103,000) in Air Force aid and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in tuition; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Cutting was charged with assisting Guam's military future placing Andersen Air Force Base on a trajectory for success and fostering Navy relationships. He was the Air Force lead for Joint Basing, completed two (2) tabletop exercises, drafted a Memorandum of Agreement for 40+ base functions and assured joint partnerships with the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting was recognized by former 36th Mission Support Group Commander for a Department of Defense joint region military bed down and laid the foundation for United States Marine Corps Fifteen Thousand (15,000) troop and family relocation in 2012. Colonel Cutting was distinguished by the 36th Wing Commander for Joint Basing efforts to immerse himself with the Navy leadership and to lead a difficult Department of Defense transformation in 2009 ; and

**WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting's other civic activities include the hosting of the Fifty-Fifth (55th) Annual Operation Christmas Drop to the Micronesian Islands in 2007 -- Sixty-Eight (68) islands, Thirty-Five Thousand (35,000) residents, Thirty-Seven and a half (37.5) pounds of goods delivered, represented the 36th Wing Commander at the State Memorial Service of the late Senator Herminia D. Dierking, volunteered numerous hours during the 2006 - 2007 Iron Kids Triathlons, and during the 2006-2008 Guam Marathon and X-Terra Triathlon. Most recently, Colonel Cutting provided spirited opening remarks to the 2008 Guam Special Olympics athletes who were ready to compete in the various sporting events; and

**WHEREAS,** in his personal and professional life, Colonel Russell N. Cutting constantly stresses integrity and respect for others and serves as a source of inspiration to his fellow officers, friends, and family, to whom he has always encouraged personal and professional growth; and now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate and commend Colonel Russell N. Cutting, Deputy Commander, on his new assignment to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii and express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments, and service to the Department of

the Air Force 36th Mission Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base Guam and our island Community, 20 June 2006 to 9 June 2008; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam most especially extends a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Colonel Russell N. Cutting's wife, Shannon, for her support and encouragement during Colonel Cutting's tour of duty at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Colonel Russell N. Cutting, Deputy Commander, 36th Mission Support Group, Colonel Mark S. Talley, Commander, Commander, 36th Mission Support Group, Brigadier General Douglas H. Owens, Commander, 36th Wing, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.**  
Speaker

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature