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*I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 190

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

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Relative to posthumously commending and congratulating  
Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith, the Guam Police  
Department's "2008 Police Officer of the Year"

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

3 WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith -affectionately  
4 known by his family, friends and fellow officers as "Smitty"- was born on  
5 Guam on August 30, 1972, to Frank Borja Smith and Teresita Paulino Fejeran  
6 Smith of Malojloj, Guam, and was the eldest sibling of Gerald Smith and  
7 Leilani Smith; he was also a loving husband to Tishawanna Palomo Hernandez  
8 Smith and a proud father to Tamara Perez and Kae'Ana Justine Smith; and

9 WHEREAS, Frankie Eugene Smith, a graduate of the Guam Community  
10 College Basic Law Enforcement Academy, proudly and bravely served his  
11 island and country as a member of the Guam Police Department's 37<sup>th</sup> Police  
12 Cycle and as an Army and Air Force Reservist since 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, the month of December, 1997, when Frankie Smith was  
14 sworn in ahead of schedule as a Police Officer for the purpose of assisting  
15 residents of Guam suffering from the effects of Super Typhoon Paka, he began

1 a decade of dedication to protecting and serving the community that he loved;  
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Frankie Smith worked hard to become a better and more  
4 complete officer, seeking and receiving extensive training in various areas of  
5 law enforcement including the detection of illegal substances, forensic scene  
6 investigation and responding to terrorist bombings; he was amply trained  
7 from various local and federal law enforcement and government agencies  
8 including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of  
9 Justice, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Officer Frankie Eugene Smith was an exemplary officer,  
11 receiving numerous letters of commendation and meritorious service awards  
12 for outstanding performance on the job recognized by precinct commanders,  
13 supervisors, Chiefs of Police and Governor Carl Gutierrez; Frankie Eugene  
14 Smith was dedicated to the cause and took great pride in protecting Guam's  
15 streets, a fact not lost on GPD's top brass when they specifically selected  
16 Officer Smith as a member of the Department's Violent Street Crimes Task  
17 Force (VSCTF) where he played an integral role in the task force's seizure of  
18 almost Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in illegal drugs, firearms, explosives  
19 and illegally-gained currency; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2007, Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith, a  
21 long time member of the Tamuning/Tumon Precinct, a ten (10) year veteran  
22 of the Guam Police Department and a tenacious law enforcer was struck by a  
23 drunk driver while on his motorcycle patrolling his beat and responding to an  
24 incident in the village; now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, posthumously recognize and commend Sergeant Frankie  
4 Eugene Smith as the Guam Police Department's 2008 Police Officer of the  
5 Year; and be it further

6           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
7 people of Guam are reminded of the words spoken by Vivien Eney, spouse of  
8 fallen U.S. Capitol Police Officer Christopher Eney as we recognize Sergeant  
9 Frankie Smith, that it is not how Smitty died that made him a hero, but how  
10 he lived; Sergeant Smith's bravery displayed on the evening he selflessly paid  
11 the ultimate sacrifice of a police officer and gave his life in the line of duty  
12 isn't what garnered him the selection of Police Officer of the Year, but it is  
13 because he was an exemplary cop, a wonderful example of commitment and  
14 dedication to his fellow law enforcement officers on the job and his  
15 commitment to protecting and serving the people of Guam; and be it further

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
18 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of  
19 the late Frankie Eugene Smith, his wife Mrs. Tishawanna Palomo Hernandez  
20 Smith and daughters Tamara Perez and Kae'Ana Justine Smith; to his parents  
21 Frank Borja Smith and Teresita Fejeran Smith; to Chief of Police Paul Suba of  
22 the Guam Police Department; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
23 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF MAY 2008.

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Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

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Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature