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## I MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

Executive Committee Resolution No. 190

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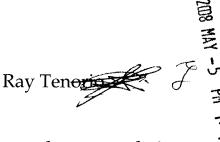
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Relative to posthumously commending and congratulating Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith, the Guam Police Department's "2008 Police Officer of the Year"

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith -affectionately

known by his family, friends and fellow officers as "Smitty"- was born on

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 Tishawnna 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

College Basic Law Enforcement Academy, proudly and bravely served his

island and country as a member of the Guam Police Department's 37th 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

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;

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

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

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na 1 2 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 3 people of Guam, posthumously recognize and commend Sergeant Frankie Eugene Smith as the Guam Police Department's 2008 Police Officer of the 4 Year; and be it further 5 RESOLVED, that I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 6 7 people of Guam are reminded of the words spoken by Vivien Eney, spouse of fallen U.S. Capitol Police Officer Christopher Eney as we recognize Sergeant 8 9 Frankie Smith, that it is not how Smitty died that made him a hero, but how he lived; Sergeant Smith's bravery displayed on the evening he selflessly paid 10 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

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

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF <i>I MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN</i> ON THE DAY OF MAY 2008.	
Speaker and	Senator and
Chairman, Executive Committee	Secretary of the Legislature