

I MINA 'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2008 (Second) REGULAR SESSION

Executive Committee Resolution No. 206

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Chief Petty Officer Douglas Samp, United States Coast Guard, for his outstanding contributions to the safety of Guam's residents and visitors through his work with the Search and Rescue Service (SAR) Group Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Chief Petty Officer Douglas Samp was assigned to Coast Guard Sector Guam
4 as its Communications Unit Supervisor from July 2005 through July 2007, and currently serves as
5 the Command Center Supervisor from July 2007 until June 2008; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Chief Petty Officer Samp was assigned to be the Chair, SAR Group Guam
7 from July 2007-June 2008, and is tasked with the organization and coordination of the SAR Group
8 Guam, a multi-agency SAR training and response coordination organization; and

9 **WHEREAS**, after identifying the poor VHF radio coverage along seventy-five percent
10 (75%) of Guam's coastline, Chief Petty Officer Samp successfully secured funds to create a portable
11 communications "go-kit" that provided on-scene VHF and satellite communications; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the go-kit was deployed on eighteen (18) missions for a total of twenty-four
13 (24) days, resulting in unified efforts amongst the Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy, the Guam Fire
14 Department, the Guam Police Department, and other SAR response agencies, and also realizing a
15 streamlining of operations and the elimination of duplicated effort; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as chairman of SAR Group Guam, Chief Petty Officer Samp saw the need to
17 expand the group's membership and invited the government of Guam's Department of Parks and
18 Recreation Lifeguards and the Air Force Rescue unit at Andersen AFB to become members; and

19 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the need to upgrade the skills of Guam's lifeguard services to
20 provide improved water safety response for residents and visitors alike, he was able to lobby and
21 convince the Guam Visitors Bureau to underwrite a portion of the costs of providing personal

1 watercraft and open ocean lifeguard training for local agencies by world class lifeguards from the
2 states of Hawaii and California; and

3 **WHEREAS**, all of the efforts put forth by Chief Petty Officer Samp have not only increased
4 the level of lifesaving services on Guam, but have also highlighted the need to share resources and
5 training techniques across the units deployed throughout the island; now, therefore be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina 'Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan*
7 *Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize Chief Petty Officer Douglas Samp,
8 USCG for his outstanding contributions to the safety of Guam's residents and visitors through his
9 work with the Search and Rescue Service (SAR) Group Guam; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina 'Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan*
11 *Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, commends Chief Petty Officer Samp for taking the
12 initiative to go beyond his official duties and responsibilities by spearheading the upgrading of skills
13 of Guam's lifesaving services; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and
15 the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter transmitted to Chief Petty Officer Douglas Samp, Command Center Supervisor, US Coast
17 Guard Sector Guam; to LT Marcus Hirschberg, Command Center Chief, US Coast Guard Sector
18 Guam; to the Guam Visitors Bureau; to the members of the SAR Group Guam; and to Honorable
19 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga 'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE __TH DAY OF MAY 2008**