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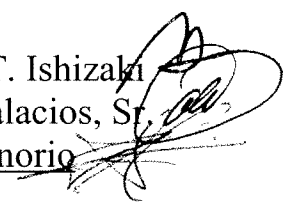
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**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 218**

Introduced by:

Frank T. Ishizaki
A.B. Palacios, Sr.
Ray Tenorio



Relative to extolling the accomplishments and achievements of Joaquin L.G. Salas, Unites States Marshal, and memorializing his service and commitment to Guam's Law Enforcement community and the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Joaquin L.G. Salas entered into the Guam Department of Public
4 Safety as a Police Cadet in 1974, and as such, personified professionalism and integrity
5 serving in public safety, and was honorably promoted to the rank of Police Officer I.
6 During his early career years, he continuously exemplified public safety adeptness and
7 was promoted to the rank of Police Officer II, in which he excelled in initiative and
8 productivity, and attained the rank of Police Sergeant I shortly thereafter; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Salas was tasked with many supervisory assignments,
10 including Patrol Supervisor, Police Academy Staff, Police Reserve Coordinator,
11 Detective, and performed superbly, resulting in his promotion to Police Sergeant II; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant II Salas was assigned to the Special Enforcement Division,
13 and as a Tactical Commander and Night Operations Commander of a Police Precinct, he

1 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant II Salas was assigned to the Special Enforcement Division,
2 and as a Tactical Commander and Night Operations Commander of a Police Precinct, he
3 continued to stand out as an example of a model Police Sergeant and earned a promotion
4 to Police Lieutenant; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Salas held staff positions as an Assistant Commander of a
6 Police Precinct, Officer in Charge of the Detention Division, Officer in Charge of
7 Internal Affairs, and Commander of the Traffic Section of the Guam Police Department
8 until his reposition as the Administrator of the Motor Vehicles Program of the
9 Government of Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation in 1988; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Salas oversaw the enforcement of federal and local motor
11 vehicle laws, and administered federal programs for motor vehicles and highway safety,
12 where he successfully garnered grants well over \$100,000 for Traffic Management
13 Systems on Guam, and also served as the Department of Revenue and Taxation's advisor
14 on various programs such as Motor Carrier Safety, Vehicle Inspections, the Governor's
15 Office Legal Review Committee, and Legislative bills until his transfer to the United
16 States Marshals Service in 1988; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Deputy U.S. Marshal Salas was the Senior Deputy in command of
18 the District of Guam's operations staff and performed all duties associated with that
19 position such as security for the federal judicial officers and family, jurors, and witnesses;
20 supervised the custody and transport of federal prisoners; investigated federal fugitive
21 cases and executed federal court orders such as summons, warrants, and seizures. He
22 zealously coordinated and assisted other federal law enforcement agencies on Guam and
23 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which resulted in highly effective
24 coordinated joint law enforcement efforts until 1997, when he was appointment by the
25 President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, to
26 the position of United States Marshal; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas was responsible for the overall management of not
2 only one, as is usually the case, but two judicial districts, Guam and the Commonwealth
3 of the Northern Mariana Islands, both of which are borders for entry into the United
4 States. He has planned and coordinated law enforcement activities with other civilian
5 and military federal entities, as well as local officials, on innumerable matters such as
6 housing and transporting of prisoners, apprehension and arrest of criminals, and
7 execution of court orders. He was also responsible for financial transactions related to
8 court orders such as seizures and sale of property, collection of fees, as well as other
9 pecuniary interests of the federal government; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas established a Fugitive Task Force Warrants Section,
11 which includes members of the Guam Police Department, Superior Court of Guam, and
12 Port Authority Police, which effectively increased the number of fugitive apprehensions
13 by over 500 percent. The Warrants Section has successfully removed an ever growing
14 number of fugitives from Asian countries such as the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand,
15 and Malaysia; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas was directly responsible for the delivery of
17 approximately \$1,000,000 in cash and equipment to the Guam Police Department and
18 Guam Department of Customs and Quarantine through the National Asset Forfeiture
19 Program; Supervised and monitored the actual construction of the \$3,700,000 Hagatna
20 Federal Detention Facility; Revived the Federal Excess Property Program which allows
21 for the Defense Re-utilization Management Office (DRMO), to channel approximately
22 \$500,000 worth of equipment to the Guam Department of Corrections annually, and has
23 coordinated for and provided state of the art law enforcement training in equipment,
24 technology, and investigative techniques to local law enforcement personnel on Guam;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Marshal Salas through his dedicated service, innovation,
2 commitment, and professionalism, has influenced, facilitated, and enhanced Law
3 Enforcement efforts on Guam and the CNMI; and now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
5 behalf of the people of Guam, laud and honor United States Marshal Joaquin Leon
6 Guerrero Salas for his thirty-four (34) years of service to the people of Guam, the
7 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States of America, and
8 expresses sincere gratitude for his contributions towards the enhancement of the Law
9 Enforcement community on Guam and the Pacific region; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
11 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Director
12 John F. Clark, United States Marshals Service, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
13 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, and Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature