

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 65**

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Colonel James J. Montague upon his recent promotion and extending our warmest wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Air National Guard is an essential component of our nation's military defense and readiness, while also providing security and disaster relief capabilities for our country and our island; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel James J. Montague currently serves as the Commander of the 254<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, Guam Air National Guard, located here in Guam at Andersen Air Force Base, and

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2007, Colonel Montague, the son of Joseph Edward Montague and Isabel Bamba Montague, received a well-deserved promotion to his current rank after many years of distinguished military service; and

**WHEREAS**, as Commander of the 254<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, Colonel Montague is responsible for the overall command, control, and supervision of all Guam Air National Guard units and activities and for attaining and maintaining maximum operational readiness capabilities as principal adviser to the Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard on matters pertaining to Air National Guard functions; and

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**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague began his military career in March 1978 when he joined the United States Air Force and served in the enlisted ranks as an Avionics Navigation Systems Technician, attending Avionics Navigational Systems Technical school at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi, and also continued his quest for a college degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague earned his Bachelor of Science in Electronics at Chapman University, California, in 1980, and in October 1984 received his commission in the Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague pursued his goal of a higher education, earning his Master of Science in Management from Troy State University in Missouri in 1988, and was a Doctoral in Education candidate at the University of South Carolina in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague attended Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, Air Command and Staff College at Andersen Air Force Base, and Air War College also at Andersen Air Force Base; and

**WHEREAS**, during his last two years of active duty as a commissioned officer, Colonel Montague served as a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force Inspector General Team, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, inspecting Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve flying units; and

**WHEREAS**, after almost thirteen (13) years of active service, Colonel

Montague separated from active duty with the rank of Captain and returned to Guam in 1994 to serve in a part time status as the Comptroller of the Guam Air National Guard while concurrently holding the position of Instructor in Accounting at the Guam Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995 Colonel Montague became a full time member of the Guam Air National Guard as a Major in the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) while continuing in his position of Comptroller; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2002, Colonel Montague became the Commander of the 254<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, Guam Air National Guard, a position in which he has continued to serve with distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance to his distinguished military and Guard service is provided by his loving and supportive family, including his wife Lorie Ann Hamamoto Vida and their children Nicole Marie, Candelaria Isabella and Kyle Vida, and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague has always made the welfare of those under his command a top priority, supporting Air Guard Family Readiness Group events and fundraisers, and playing the role of head cheerleader for Air Guard intramural and community sports teams and serving as a member of the National Guard Association of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague's generosity and warmth extends beyond Guard activities as he volunteers and assists in many community projects and events including membership in the Knights of Columbus, participating in and supporting local runs for charity; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Montague also devotes time and effort to American Cancer Society Relay for Life events, Make-A-Wish Foundation

events, American Red Cross fundraisers, Big Brothers Big Sisters, University of Guam Public Administration Leadership Society (UOG PALS), and DODEA and other youth support events; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend excellence as exhibited by our island's servicemen, especially one possessing such skill and expertise as Colonel Montague; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Colonel James J. Montague upon his recent promotion and extend our warmest wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; 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 Colonel James J. Montague; to the Guam National Guard; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MAY 2007.**

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**RAY TENORIO**

**Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee**

**Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature**