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

EXEC. COMM.

Resolution No. 73 (EC)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron and it's members for receiving the Aerial Port Squadron of the Year for 2005 and 2006; and the Air Reserve Component of the Year for 2006 and to express *un dangkolo na si Yu'us Ma'åse* for the squadron's contributions to the island of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2 **OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron exceeds the Air and  
4 Space Expeditionary Force (AEF) expectations through extraordinary  
5 volunteerism with 70 members on contingency orders in support of  
6 Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Endeavor; and  
7 has contributed 16,015 man days to achieve US Global War On Terror  
8 objectives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, members of the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron including 16  
10 local personnel from Guam and known throughout the combat area of  
11 operation as the busiest air mobility hub which provided 22% in theater  
12 airlift to Al Udeid Air Base Qatar and gives remarkable support to 8th  
13 Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron; and

1           **WHEREAS**, members from the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron were sent  
2 to Afghanistan to provide relief for the victims of the Pakistan  
3 Earthquake; ensuring the success of largest Replacement In-  
4 place/Transfer of Authority giving outstanding service as record  
5 numbers of personnel and equipment were moved; and

6           **WHEREAS**, they saved the day by coordinating Central Command  
7 and Air Mobility Directorate for an on-time solution when threatened by  
8 the lack of appropriate airlift and the squadron was a key contributor to  
9 two highly visible and scrutinized U.S. Presidential missions; while on  
10 Guam, the squadron provided phenomenal partnership with the 60th  
11 Aerial Port Squadron for the Patriot Partner Annual Tour; supported  
12 Hurricane Katrina relief efforts by expediting kilotons of cargo on 466  
13 missions, the largest disaster relief in history; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron had a busy deployment  
15 schedule that did not deter from normal active duty support; they made  
16 global mobility happen by deploying 153 members in 7 teams, providing  
17 2,295 man days ensuring active port mission readiness;

18           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron took the lead of 2 ports  
19 during Patriot Partner Annual Tour; its members moved 6.9 Kilotons of  
20 cargo, 13,300 passengers on 1,315 airlift missions and 20 members  
21 assisted 36th Security Forces augmentation to host 36 Air Expeditionary  
22 Wing by providing security, improving host and tenant relations; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron was commended  
2 for their innovative management techniques. By focusing on training, the  
3 squadron advanced 13 new middle managers, 8 upper management, and  
4 65 promotions receiving 50 medals. Placing Leadership Development as  
5 a priority, the squadron sent its members to Leadership School and Non-  
6 commissioned Officer Academy. The results were Senior Non-  
7 commissioned Officer Academy graduates and a Joint Officer  
8 Leadership Development Seminar that is used to develop Company  
9 Grade Officers; the squadron developed its Supervisors Institute to  
10 ensure exemplary supervisory skills in all airmen; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron has welcomed 35  
12 new members and its remarkable partnership with 734 Air Mobility  
13 Squadron developed split Unit Training Assembly and split shift  
14 schedule thereby resulting in total force. The squadron's active duty  
15 sister squadron continues to ask for more support, proving that  
16 integration works. The squadron provided increased support to port  
17 operations and ensured greater hands-on and night operations training,  
18 uplifting the morale; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the unit's leadership is validated by the Air  
20 Force Climate Survey with unsurpassed results of a 100% favorable  
21 rating on trust in leadership; 95% in recognition; 97% in job satisfaction;

1 98% in commitment and the 70% response rate is on-target for the unit;  
2 and

3           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron supports and  
4 promotes Quality of Life programs and family support. The squadron  
5 organized a huge 25th Anniversary Gala recognizing a quarter of a  
6 century of success and accomplishments. There were approximately 500  
7 people in attendance. With a robust Human Relations Development  
8 Council, squadron reached out to Guam's Community through  
9 leadership, mentoring and community support with more than 150  
10 hours of service. When the community was in need, the squadron  
11 stepped up by holding fundraisings; the squadron participated in the  
12 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Saint Dominic's Hospital  
13 Charity, *Guma Trankilidat* Senior Living and the Guam Youth Football  
14 League; the squadron has been recognized by the 734 Air Mobility  
15 Squadron for it's leadership role for the Christmas Drop, an annual  
16 essential supply drop to remote Micronesian Islands; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron hosted the first  
18 Employer/Boss Lift which is an outreach program designed to promote  
19 continued employer support of the Reserves. This activity provided over  
20 30 leaders of the civilian community the opportunity of a lifetime by  
21 riding along and witnessing a US Air Force refueling mission; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron is without a doubt the  
2 best and busiest of Air Force Reserve Command Aerial Port Squadrons;  
3 always prepared for deployment immediate redeployment for Air  
4 Expeditionary Force; now therefore, be it

5           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi*  
6 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam,  
7 express our congratulations, heartfelt appreciation and *un dangkolo na si*  
8 *Yu'us Ma'åse*, to all the members of the 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron; and be  
9 it further

10           **RESOLVED** that the Speaker and the Secretary of *I Mina'Bente*  
11 *Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* attest to the adoption hereof, and that  
12 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Kraig  
13 E. Hankins, Commander, 44<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron; Brigadier General  
14 Douglas H. Owens, Commander, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; and  
15 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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**Mark Forbes**  
**Speaker**

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**Ray Tenorio**  
**Senator and**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**