## MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 122 (EC)

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes

Relative to commending Lieutenant Colonel Marvin W. Smith, Jr., United States Air Force, for his highly successful tour of duty on Guam and particularly for his efforts to promote a better relationship between the United States Air Force and the people of Guam.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY

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3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, a career officer, who came to

4 Andersen Air Force Base, Guam in June 2004, and has since given

5 unselfishly in promoting friendship and cultural awareness between the

6 United States Air Force and the people of Guam and who has an

outstanding tour of duty in Guam, where his presence will be surely missed

8 by friends and associates; and

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WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, a Civil Engineer from 1 Virginia, was assigned as Commander, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron has 2 demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam and has been 3 increased construction advocate and infrastructure for 4 improvements to the island. He masterfully managed a staggering \$200 5 million in construction projects, bringing valuable work to Guam 6 contractors and suppliers. As the 1st Vice-President of the Guam Society of 7 American Military Engineers post, he partnered with local engineering 8 firms and the Guam Contractor's Association to improve teamwork and 9 dialogue between military and civilian engineers; and 10

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith continued to strengthen the unique partnership with the 254th Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air National Guard. He garnered Air National Guard man-days from Headquarters Pacific Air Forces providing employment for Air National Guard members within the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron. This relationship provides the opportunity for the Guam Air National Guard

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civil engineers to complete their engineering skills training while
completing work orders that support the Andersen community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith is a staunch supporter of base 3 Through his leadership, the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron 4 appearance. shines with its in-house Grounds Maintenance Team of 30 civilian 5 This team consistently maintained Andersen's grounds in employees. 6 prestige condition. He continues to maintain Andersen in such a pristine 7 condition, making all who come to the Island of Guam via Andersen AFB 8 revel in its natural beauty. As an example, he made the base ready for the 9 11-nation Pacific Air Chief's Conference, and orchestrated base-wide 10 support for the wing's first Airshow in 5 years, providing a great event for 11 over 26,000 spectators; and 12

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith was a champion of support to Team Andersen's quality of life; he directed the support for the major holiday festivities on Andersen including the Rota Walk Holiday Lights Festival, the tree lighting ceremony in Arc Light Park, and the annual Tops in Blue performance. His work force constructed stages and provided

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utility and participant support, improving base and community quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith was a strong environmental 3 advocate; he exceptionally managed Pacific Air Forces only Environmental 4 Protection Agency permitted landfill and dramatically increased the base 5 He also partnered with the Guam Environmental recycling program. 6 Protection Agency and closed two, 2-year-old Notices of Violation in the 7 same week. Lt Col Smith also facilitated negotiations with environmental, 8 munitions, and safety experts to site 60 new munitions igloos by avoiding 9 endangered Marianas crow habitat and allowing the \$15 million project to 10 continue on schedule; and 11

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith was dedicated to public safety; his Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts responded to and safely destroyed over 50 hazardous munitions items found on both Andersen Air Force Base and in the local community. Under his leadership as the base Fire Marshall, his fire fighters were instrumental in joint operations in the local community with the Guam Fire Department, including a raging wildland

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fire on Mount Santa Rosa where expert coordination of 60 firefighters and
below 55 helicopter air drops of water saved a \$20 million radar system and 100
bomes; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith takes every opportunity to help
the local villages of Guam. His Airmen have spent numerous hours
volunteering at local churches and Guam Animals in Need, accomplishing a
myriad of maintenance and clean-up. He personally spent time supporting
the local girl scouts and cleanup of Asan National Park and he led
squadron members in clean-up and painting at Our Lady of Purification
church and social hall in Maina; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Smith is engaged in activities in the surrounding islands, he was instrumental in support to the Republic of Palau. During his tenure, the first-ever Air Force Civic Action Team deployed to Palau where they delivered the largest facility project in the 34-year history of Department of Defense assistance to the island; a \$300,000 police and fire station.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'bente Ocho Na 1 2 Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby on behalf of I Mina'bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam commend and congratulate and express deep 3 gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel Marvin W. Smith, Jr., United States Air 4 Force, for his many contributions to the people of Guam. We salute him for 5 outstanding duty and particularly in his efforts to promote a better 6 relationship between the Air Force and the people of Guam, and wish 7 Lieutenant Colonel Smith continued success in his military career; and be it 8 further 9 RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee 10 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies 11 of the same be thereafter transmitted to Colonel M. R. Boera, 36th Air Base Wing 12 Commander; and Colonel Wilfred T. Cassidy, 36th Mission Support Group 13 Commander and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'låhen Guahan. 14 15 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE DAY OF MARCH 16 2006. 17

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2 Speaker and Chairman

Secretary of the Legislature