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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING FRANCES H.  
WOLFORD FOR HIS HEROIC DISPLAY DURING  
THE VIETNAM WAR, HONORING AND  
PROTECTING HIS COUNTRY, AND FIGHTING FOR  
THE FREEDOM THAT WOULD BENEFIT FUTURE  
GENERATIONS

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **WHEREAS**, Frances H. Wolford is a Vietnam Veteran having  
3 served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Frances H. Wolford, at the rank of Sergeant was  
5 assigned to the U.S. Army tugboat "Rivering" which plied along the  
6 Mekong River on reconnaissance patrols and routing operations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Frances H. Wolford, was awarded a Silver Star for  
8 bravery in Vietnam for sustaining injuries from bullet wounds he  
9 received from enemy fire as a result of his attempting to save the lives  
10 of his fellow servicemen; and

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1           Wolford, the son of Mr. And Mrs. Charles I.  
2           Wolford of Talofoto, is presently nearing the completion  
3           of a three-year, four month tour in Vietnam. He hopes to  
4           take his family – wife Barbara and sons James 4 ½, Francis  
5           Jr. 3 ½, and Joseph 1 – to his next duty station at Fort  
6           Bragg, N.C.

7           The young soldier is attached to the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
8           Division based in the Mekong Delta. In July 1968 he was  
9           awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. The Silver Star was  
10          presented to him by Army Brigadier General Gunn during  
11          a bedside ceremony last month. At the time, Wolford was  
12          hospitalized with a head wound and eye injuries at the  
13          Third Field Hospital.

14          His wounds were incurred during a blazing gun  
15          fight with the VietCong in September. While on land  
16          patrol, his unit ran into an entrenched Viet Cong strong  
17          hold. Enemy fire pinned down his platoon leader and five  
18          of his men in a rice paddy – out of the reach of help.  
19          Wolford and four of his “buddies” rushed in to assist, and  
20          during the run, they detonated Viet Cong land mines. All  
21          of his four friends were killed in the explosions.

22          Wolford, although severely injured, grabbed a  
23          machine gun and started shooting straight into the

1 enemy. When he ran out of ammunition, he dropped the  
2 machine gun and used the four hand grenades, which  
3 hung from his belt. He ran up to the VC bunker and  
4 threw the grenades into it, wiping out the seven Viet  
5 Cong who were manning the fortified position.

6 Woford has recovered from his wounds, but says  
7 he is scheduled to undergo an operation on October 18 in  
8 Saigon for removal of a fragment of the land mine that is  
9 lodged in his skull in the front.”; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the courage and bravery exhibited by  
11 Frances H. Woford should serve as a reminder to the people of  
12 Guam of the sacrifices currently being made by the sons and  
13 daughters of Guam serving around the world in the U.S.  
14 Armed Services; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the people of Guam, through the  
16 members of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* hereby recognizes and  
17 directs, the commendation of Frances H. Woford for his heroic  
18 display during the Vietnam War, honoring and protecting his  
19 country, and fighting for the freedom that would benefit future  
20 generations; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative  
22 Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the  
23 same be transmitted to Mr. Frances H. Woford, to the Director

- 1 of the Office of Veterans Affairs, to Congresswoman Madeleine
- 2 Z. Bordallo, and to Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.