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**I MINA 'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (Second) REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution No. 164(LS)

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**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE GUAM
NATIONAL GUARD ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY,
AND TO THANKING ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR
MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ISLAND OVER
THE YEARS.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'**
2 **BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the National Guard of the United States Is the oldest
4 component of the Armed Forces and one of the nation's longest-enduring
5 institutions; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the National Guard traces its roots back to October 7, 1636
7 during the formation of the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the National Guard of the Island of Guam can be traced
9 back to the first military organization of the island, known as the Guam
10 Militia, which was established in 1771, re-established in 1917 and fought
11 bravely during the Japanese invasion of Guam in 1941; and

12 **WHEREAS,** on December 24, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed
13 Public Law 96-600 introduced by the 96th Congress, officially authorizing the
14 establishment of the Guam National Guard, and Governor Paul M. Calvo

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1 served as the first Commander-In-Chief and General Robert H. Neitz was
2 appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's Command
4 headquarters was officially established with 32 charter members; and

5 **WHEREAS**, over the years, the Guam National Guard has grown from
6 its original 32 charter members to nearly 1,200 members between its Army
7 and Air Force Commands; and

8 **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to support
9 national security objectives, and to this end it has performed admirably over
10 the years, providing valuable national security functions in this part of the
11 world and globally whenever and wherever needed; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Guard members have served bravely
13 and valiantly in missions and deployments around the world, including
14 recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, and Korea, in which
15 our Guardsmen and women have repeatedly distinguished themselves as
16 outstanding members of our Armed Forces; and

17 **WHEREAS**, members of the Guam National Guard over the years have
18 proven themselves among the most patriotic heroes in our nation, protecting
19 our democratic ideals and the very freedoms we enjoy every single day; and

20 **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to protect life
21 and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members
22 have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting our citizens on Guam
23 during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives and
24 providing order when chaos threatens to rule; and

1 **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to participate
2 in local, state and national programs that add value to America, and while the
3 activities that its members have participated in that accomplish this mission
4 are too numerous to name, among the most valuable have been those efforts
5 that have helped Guam recover after typhoons, earthquakes and other natural
6 disasters; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Guam National Guard have
8 touched so many lives, and helped so many families on Guam, and protected
9 us through the toughest of times, and for this, they must be honored and
10 appreciated; now therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina ‘Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of
12 the people of Guam does hereby congratulate the Guam National Guard on
13 25 years of outstanding and exceptional service; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina ‘Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
15 express its appreciation for the numerous contributions the members of the
16 Guam National Guard have made to our people, our island and our nation
17 over the years, and for the devoted service and courageous protection our
18 Guardsmen and women have provided to our people in the past 25 years; and
19 be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
22 thereafter transmitted to Major General Donald J. Goldhorn, Adjutant General
23 of the Guam National Guard; to former Governor Paul M. Calvo, first
24 Commander-In-Chief of the Guam National Guard; and, to the Honorable
25 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 2006.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature