

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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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.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Marvin W. Smith, a career officer who**
4 **came to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam in June 2004, has given unselfishly in**
5 **promoting friendship and cultural awareness between the United States Air**

1 Force and the people of Guam, and has had an outstanding tour of duty in
2 Guam, where his presence will be sorely missed by friends and associates; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, a Civil Engineer from Virginia
4 who was assigned as Commander, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, has
5 demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam and has been a
6 strong advocate for increased construction and infrastructure improvements
7 to the island. He masterfully managed a staggering Two Hundred Million
8 Dollars (\$200,000,000) in construction projects, bringing valuable work to
9 Guam contractors and suppliers. As the first Vice-President of the Guam
10 Society of American Military Engineers post, he worked with local
11 engineering firms and the Guam Contractor's Association to improve
12 teamwork and dialogue between military and civilian engineers; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith continued to strengthen the
14 unique partnership with the 254th Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air
15 National Guard. He acquired Air National Guard man-days from
16 Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, providing employment for Air National
17 Guard members within the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron. This provides the
18 opportunity for the Guam Air National Guard civil engineers to finish their
19 engineering skills training while completing work orders that support the
20 Andersen community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith is a staunch supporter of base
22 appearance. He leads the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron and to in-house
23 Grounds Maintenance Team of thirty (30) civilian employees, which has
24 consistently maintained Andersen's grounds in pristine condition, making all
25 who come to the Island of Guam via Andersen AFB revel in its natural beauty.

1 For example, he made the Base ready for the eleven (11) nation Pacific Air
2 Chief's Conference, and orchestrated base-wide support for the Wing's first
3 air show in five (5) years, providing a great event for over twenty-six
4 thousand (26,000) spectators; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith was a champion of support to
6 Team Andersen's quality of life. He directed the support for the major
7 holiday festivities on Andersen, including, the Rota Walk Holiday Lights
8 Festival, the tree lighting ceremony in Arc Light Park, and the Annual Tops in
9 Blue performance. His work force constructed stages, provided utility and
10 participant support, and improved base and community quality of life; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith was a strong environmental
12 advocate. He managed Pacific Air Forces' only Environmental Protection
13 Agency permitted landfill and dramatically increased the Base recycling
14 program. Working with the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, he
15 closed two (2) year-old Notice of Violation cases in the same week. Lieutenant
16 Colonel Smith facilitated negotiations with environmental, munitions, and
17 safety experts to construct sixty (60) new munitions igloos in such a way as to
18 avoid the habitat of the endangered Marianas Crow and allow the Fifteen
19 Million Dollars (\$15M) project to continue on schedule; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith was dedicated to public safety.
21 His Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts safely destroyed over fifty (50)
22 hazardous munition items found on both Andersen Air Force Base and in the
23 local community. Under his leadership as the Base Fire Marshal, his fire
24 fighters were instrumental in joint operations with the Guam Fire
25 Department, including fighting a raging wildland fire on Mount Santa Rosa,

1 where expert coordination of sixty (60) firefighters and fifty-five (55)
2 helicopter air drops of water saved a Twenty Million Dollar (\$20m) radar
3 system and one hundred (100) homes; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith took every opportunity to help
5 the local villages of Guam. His airmen have spent numerous hours
6 volunteering at local churches and at Guam Animals in Need, accomplishing
7 a myriad of maintenance and clean-up projects. He personally supported the
8 local Girl Scouts and the cleanup of Asan National Park, and led squadron
9 members in the clean-up and painting at Our Lady of Purification Church and
10 social hall in Maina; and

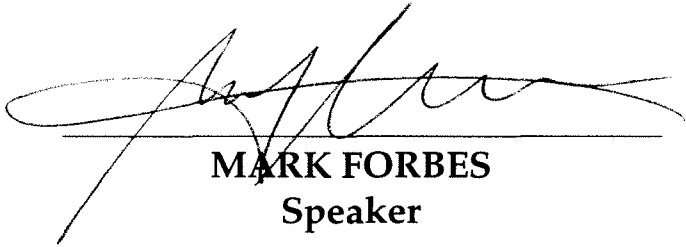
11 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Smith engaged in activities in the
12 surrounding islands, particularly the Republic of Palau. During his tenure,
13 the first-ever Air Force Civic Action Team deployed to Palau where they
14 delivered the largest facility project in the thirty-four (34) year history of
15 Department of Defense assistance to the island, namely a Three Hundred
16 Thousand Dollar (\$300,000) police and fire station; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
18 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend, congratulate and express deep
19 gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel Marvin W. Smith, Jr., United States Air Force,
20 for his many contributions to the people of Guam. We salute him particularly
21 for his efforts to promote a better relationship between the Air Force and the
22 people of Guam, and wish Lieutenant Colonel Smith continued success in his
23 military career; and be it further

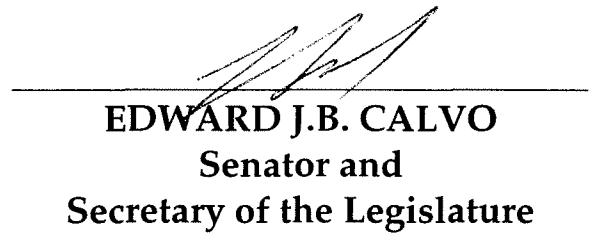
24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
25 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

1 thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Marvin W. Smith; to Colonel M.
2 R. Boera, 36th Air Base Wing Commander; to Colonel Wilfred T. Cassidy, 36th
3 Mission Support Group Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,
4 *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA*
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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