

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Relative to congratulating the Guam National Guard on its Twenty Fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary, and to thanking its members for their many contributions to our island over the years.**

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

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

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

5           **WHEREAS**, on December 24, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed  
6 Public Law 96-600 introduced by the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, officially authorizing the  
7 establishment of the Guam National Guard, and Governor Paul M. Calvo  
8 served as the first Commander-In-Chief and General Robert H. Neitz was  
9 appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

10           **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's Command  
11 headquarters was officially established with thirty-two (32) charter members;  
12 and

13           **WHEREAS**, over the years, the Guam National Guard has grown from  
14 its original thirty-two (32) charter members to nearly one thousand two  
15 hundred (1,200) members between its Army and Air Force Commands; and

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

20           **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Guard members have served bravely  
21 and valiantly in missions and deployments around the world, including  
22 recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, and Korea, in which  
23 our Guardsmen and women have repeatedly distinguished themselves as  
24 outstanding members of our Armed Forces; and

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

4           **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to protect life  
5 and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members  
6 have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting our citizens on Guam  
7 during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives and  
8 providing order when chaos threatens to rule; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Guard participates in local, state and  
10 national programs that add value to America, and while the activities that its  
11 members have participated in are too numerous to name, among the most  
12 valuable have been those efforts that have helped Guam recover after  
13 typhoons, earthquakes and other natural disasters; and

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

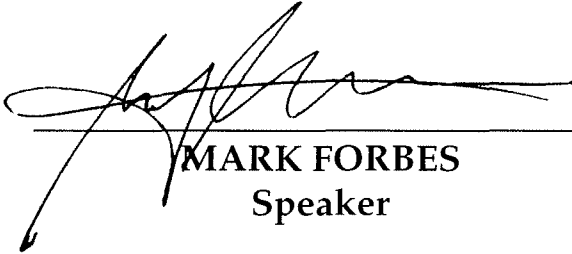
18           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
19 on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam National Guard on  
20 Twenty-Five (25) years of outstanding and exceptional service; and be it  
21 further

22           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
23 express its appreciation for the numerous contributions the members of the  
24 Guam National Guard have made to our people, our island and our nation  
25 over the years, and for the devoted service and courageous protection our

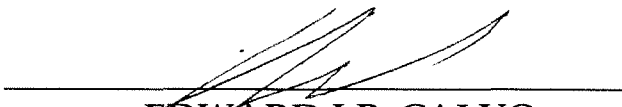
1 Guardsmen and women have provided to our people in the past Twenty-Five  
2 (25) years; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
5 thereafter transmitted to Major General Donald J. Goldhorn, Adjutant General  
6 of the Guam National Guard; to former Governor Paul M. Calvo, first  
7 Commander-In-Chief of the Guam National Guard; and to the Honorable  
8 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE 2006.**



MARK FORBES  
Speaker



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