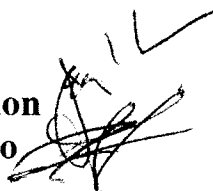


*I MINA 'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2008 (Second) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 144(25)  
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Relative to remembering Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Duenas Gamboa for his unselfish service to the United States of America and the people of Guam, for making the ultimate sacrifice in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces on March 25, 2008, and extending a heartfelt *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* and sincere condolences to Mrs. Michelle G. Gamboa and family and all of their relatives and friends.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Army Staff Sergeant Joseph "Joe" Duenas Gamboa was born in  
4 Kentucky on July 22, 1973 to Francisco Manalisay and Cecilia Duenas Gamboa; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Joe attended Hillside Elementary School in Washington state, and  
6 after the family returned to Guam he attended Dededo Middle School, Inarajan High  
7 School, and Guam Community College; and

8 **WHEREAS,** on October 23, 1995 Joe married Michelle Doreen Borja  
9 Guerrero, and began to create a life of their own; and

10 **WHEREAS,** in an effort to improve his life and better provide for his family,  
11 Joe chose to follow in his father's footsteps and joined the United States Army in  
12 2000, and following basic training, he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Joe proved to be an excellent soldier and worked his way up the  
14 ranks to his present rank of Staff Sergeant; and was eventually assigned to the 1st  
15 Squadron, 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Stryker  
16 Brigade Combat Team, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Sergeant Gamboa was first deployed to Iraq in 2005, during  
18 which he narrowly avoided injury or worse by keeping his unit at their jobsite rather  
19 than going to the mess tent, and by doing so avoided a suicide bomber who blew  
20 himself up in the mess tent; and

21 **WHEREAS,** following his safe return from his first deployment to Iraq in  
22 2006, Sergeant Gamboa was given a list of three (3) bases to be assigned to, and he

1 chose Vilseck, Germany as his next duty station, and in June and August of 2006 he  
2 and his family made the long journey from Fort Lewis, Washington to Vilseck,  
3 Germany and began the next chapter of his military career as a member of **B**  
4 **Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment, V Corps;** and

5 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gamboa was given notice of his unit being scheduled  
6 for deployment to Iraq, and in August of 2007 he began his second tour in Iraq; and

7 **WHEREAS**, seven (7) months into his second deployment and just two (2)  
8 weeks shy of his turn for “R&R” and a reunion with his wife and children, he was  
9 wounded and succumbed to his injuries on March 25, 2008; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Joseph Duenas Gamboa is survived by his loving wife  
11 Michelle and their children Krystianna Mychaila, Austin Joseph, Ashton Joseph,  
12 Savannah Joelle†, Avery Joseph, and Isabella Jomia; his parents, Francisco M. and  
13 Cecilia D. Gamboa; his siblings Francisco, Marcy G. Rose, Vincent, Ann Margaret,  
14 Evelyn, Kanny, Linda G. Salas, and Norbert Apatang; his parents-in-law Pedro S.N.  
15 and Angela Guerrero and Dorothy B. and Michael D. Carlson; his siblings-in-law  
16 Peter J. and Gloriana P. Guerrero, and Perry J. Guerrero; and numerous other family  
17 members and friends; and

18 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* joins our island  
19 community to pay tribute to the late Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Duenas Gamboa, an  
20 outstanding young man who cared for his country and his island, and now becomes  
21 one of America's heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, and his memory will forever  
22 live in the hearts of the Gamboa and Guerrero families, and his extended family and  
23 many friends and; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
25 *Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people  
26 of Guam, remember Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Duenas Gamboa for his unselfish  
27 service to the United States of America and the people of Guam, and for making the  
28 ultimate sacrifice in combat while serving in the United States Armed Services on  
29 March 25, 2008; and be it further

30 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
31 *Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people  
32 of Guam, extend a heartfelt *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* and its sincere condolences to his wife  
33 Mrs. Michelle G. Gamboa and their children, to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Francisco  
34 Gamboa, and to all of Staff Sergeant Gamboa's family and friends; and be it further

35 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee  
36 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
37 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his wife, Mrs. Michelle G. Gamboa; to  
38 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Gamboa; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,  
39 Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
40 Camacho, *I Maga 'lahen Guahan*.

1 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
2 COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON  
3 THE \_\_\_<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2008.