




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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT PAUL S. KAPLAN, UNITED  
STATES AIR FORCE, FOR HIS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL  
TOUR OF DUTY ON GUAM AND PARTICULARLY FOR HIS  
EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER A BETTER  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

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

3 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan, a career Airmen,  
4 who came to Andersen AFB, Guam in July 2006 has since given unselfishly in  
5 promoting friendship between the United States Air Force and the people of  
6 Guam, and who has had an outstanding tour of duty on Guam, where his  
7 presences will surely be missed by friends in the military as well as the  
8 civilian community; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan, a professional Airman and  
2 Civil Engineer was assigned as Chief Enlisted Manager, 36<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer  
3 Squadron has demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam  
4 and has been a strong advocate for increased construction and infrastructure  
5 improvements to the island. He masterfully managed a staggering Two  
6 Hundred Million Dollars (\$200M) in construction projects, bringing valuable  
7 work to Guam contractors and suppliers. As a volunteer both on and off base,  
8 he dedicated his time and efforts to improving the lives of both the island of  
9 Guam and Team Andersen; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan strengthened the unique  
11 partnership with the 254<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, Guam Air National  
12 Guard. He garnered Air National Guard man-days from the Headquarters  
13 Pacific Air Forces providing employment for Air National Guard members  
14 within the 36<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron. This relationship affords the  
15 opportunity for the Guam Air National Guard civil engineers to complete  
16 their engineering skills training while completing work orders that support  
17 the Andersen community; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan is a staunch supporter of  
19 base appearance and through his leadership, the 36<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer  
20 Squadron maintained its in-house Grounds Maintenance Team of thirty (30)  
21 civilian employees demonstrating it as the most efficient process for  
22 maintaining Andersen's grounds in prestige condition. He continues to  
23 maintain Andersen in such a pristine condition, making all who come to the

1 Island of Guam via Andersen AFB revel in its natural beauty. As an example,  
2 he made the base ready for the Vice President of the United States and  
3 hundreds of distinguished visitors each year; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan was a champion of support to  
5 Team Andersen’s quality of life; he directed the support for the major  
6 holiday festivities on Andersen including the Rota Walk Holiday Lights  
7 Festival, the tree lighting ceremony in Arc Light Park, and the annual Tops in  
8 Blue performance. His work force constructed stages and provided utility  
9 and participant support, improving base and community quality of life; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan was a strong environmental  
11 advocate; he exceptionally managed Pacific Air Forces only Environmental  
12 Protection Agency permitted landfill and dramatically increased the base  
13 recycling program. He also partnered with the Guam Environmental  
14 Protection Agency to enhance the island’s recycling programs. Chief Kaplan  
15 also initiated the Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13M) clean-up of the Urunao  
16 World War II dump site; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan was dedicated to  
18 public safety; his Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts responded to and  
19 safely destroyed hazardous munitions items found on both Andersen Air  
20 Force Base and in the local community including two (2) five hundred (500)  
21 pound World War II bombs found neat Ritidian Point. Under his leadership,  
22 his fire fighters were instrumental in joint operations in the local community  
23 with the Guam Fire Department, including countless water rescues and

1 recovery efforts including the loss of six crew members after the tragic crash  
2 of a B-52 and a mutual aid response with the Yigo Fire Department to  
3 extinguish a B-2 bomber after it crashed on Andersen Air Force Base; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan takes every opportunity to  
5 assist the civilian community of Guam. His Airmen have spent numerous  
6 hours volunteering at local churches, Guam Animals in Need, accomplishing  
7 a myriad of maintenance and clean-up and the Habitat for Humanity. He has  
8 personally spent additional time supporting beach clean-up efforts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan is engaged in activities in the  
10 surrounding islands, during his tenure, two Air Force Civic Action Teams  
11 deployed to Palau where they provided construction projects and medical  
12 visits to all states within the republic. Chief Kaplan also led the purchase and  
13 delivery of a Bobcat skid steer loader to the team which was used  
14 immediately on critical road repairs. Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan  
15 was also a staunch supporter of Operation Christmas Drop, the longest  
16 running humanitarian airdrop operation in history; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf  
18 of the people of Guam, commend and express deep gratitude to Chief Master  
19 Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan, United States Air Force, for his many contributions  
20 to the people of Guam, we salute him for outstanding duty particularly in his  
21 efforts to promote and foster a better relationship between the Air Force and

1 the people of Guam, and does wish Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan  
2 continued success in his military career; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of  
4 the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of *I Liheslaturan* attest to,  
5 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
6 Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan; to Brigadier General Douglas H. Owens  
7 36th Wing Commander; to Colonel Mark Talley, 36th Mission Group  
8 Commander; to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress,  
9 United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
10 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
2008.**

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**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker**

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**Tina Rose Muña-Barnes**  
**Senator and**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**