





**I MINA'BENTE'NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Army Major Henry S.N. Ofeciar, and to extend sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

**WHEREAS**, the late Army Major Henry S.N. Ofeciar was born on July 5, 1970 to his proud parents, Agnes San Nicolas Rillera, Pedro Ofeciar, and Leonard Mendiola Rillera, was called to his eternal reward on Monday, August 27, 2007 at the age of thirty seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, the official word from the Army is that Major Henry S.N. Ofeciar died on August 27 from injuries sustained in an attack in Jalalabad as a result of small arms fire and RPGs. Ofeciar was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, those who knew him best describe "Hank", as he was affectionately known, as truly an officer and a gentleman. Since his passing, the countless recollections about the man that we've likewise been told describe a happy person and proud islander, dedicated to his family, his friends, his country and his homeland. When our nation needed him to serve in a time of crisis, without hesitation, Hank knew that it was an obligation to serve his armed forces he so loved and

1 cherished. Hank knew that freedom was not free. He knew that there were a number  
2 of soldiers before him that paid the ultimate price so that we could partake in the  
3 freedom that we all sometimes take for granted; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Hank’s easy-going, playful nature juxtaposed the heart of a true  
5 soldier. Having received his commission from the Army in 1993 after graduating from  
6 the University of Guam, Hank went on to earn a master's degree in finance from  
7 Syracuse University. His duties posted him all over the world, most recently with the  
8 formidable 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kansas; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in the words of Major General Donald Goldhorn, commandant of  
10 the Guam National Guard, “Major Ofeciar served with flawless distinction as a leader  
11 of a dedicated training team responsible for working with the Afghan Police;”

12 **WHEREAS**, Major Ofeciar during his lifetime was many things to the many  
13 people who had the privilege of knowing him – he was a jokester, confidant, steadfast  
14 listener, that comforting smile when you needed someone to be there for you, and that  
15 type of person that would call you out of the blue and welcome you over, even after  
16 years of being away; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the history he helped to forge and the flag he gave his life to  
18 defend doesn't shield the pain felt by those he leaves behind. His parents, in-laws, and  
19 scores of acquaintances shed tears, both for the man that's no longer with us, but also  
20 with pride for the manner in which he gave his life. Hank literally died doing what he  
21 lived to do; and

22 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, together with *I*  
23 *Maga'lahen Guåhan* on behalf of a truly grateful people, honor the life of a hero and  
24 welcome home our brother, Major Henry S.N. Ofeciar, a man of faith, courage and  
25 conviction. A man of honor. To his family, friends and all those whose lives were  
26 touched by Major Henry S.N. Ofeciar, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*,  
27 together with *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*, want you to know that the people of Guam stand

1 with you as we remember the life and the legacy of this brave soldier. Our sincerest  
2 condolences and our deepest gratitude and our support during this very difficult time;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* joins our island  
5 community to pay tribute to the late Army Major Henry S. Ofeciar, an outstanding  
6 young man who cared for America and now becomes one of America's heroes who  
7 made the ultimate sacrifice. His memory will forever live in the hearts of the Family  
8 and the people of Guam. More importantly, Army Major Henry S. Ofeciar will  
9 forever be remembered in the minds and hearts of his parents, siblings, his family at  
10 the Guam Army National Guard and the people of Guam; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
12 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, remember Army Major  
13 Henry S.N. Ofeciar for his unselfish service to the United States of America and the  
14 people of Guam and for making the ultimate sacrifice in combat while serving in the  
15 United States Armed Services on August 27, 2007; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature  
17 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
18 the Family of the late Army Major Henry S. Ofeciar, to the Honorable Madeleine Z.  
19 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress and to the Honorable Felix  
20 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.