

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Miss Keandra Marlaine McDonald on winning Second (2nd) Place overall in the annual Armed Services YMCA National Art Contest.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Armed Services YMCA, a non-profit 501(c) (3)
4 organization, is a National Member Association of the YMCA of the United States
5 and works with the Department of Defense headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.
6 The Armed Services YMCA sponsors an annual national essay and art contest
7 during Military Family Month in November for children from kindergarten

1 through sixth (6th) grade whose parents are active duty or retired service
2 men/women; and

3 **WHEREAS**, thousands of children throughout the nation submitted
4 illustrations of their military families of which only three (3) winners per
5 branch – Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Air Force – were chosen;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Miss Keandra Marlaine McDonald was born on April 24,
8 1998. She is the daughter of Christopher and Stacy McDonald Flores of Agaña
9 Heights and the granddaughter of Paul and Elaine Z. McDonald and Joseph
10 Borja and Elsie Flores; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Miss Keandra Marlaine McDonald a Fourth (4th) grade
12 student attending McCool Elementary and Middle School, DODEA was
13 encouraged by her Third (3rd) Grade Teacher, Mrs. Therese Diaz. Keandra
14 entered the contest last year while in the Third (3rd) Grade. Keandra’s
15 drawing portrayed her father’s command, the United States Coast Guard
16 Cutter Sequoia (WLB-215) stationed at Apra Harbor, Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Keandra’s father, BM2 Christopher Flores is an active duty
18 serviceman in the United States Coast Guard. Petty Officer Flores has been in
19 the United States Coast Guard for three (3) years and was stationed in Seattle,
20 Washington prior to being stationed in Guam. Christopher Flores was an
21 active duty serviceman in the United States Navy for three (3) years and

1 served two (2) years in the United States Air Force; and

2 **WHEREAS**, having won Second (2nd) place nationally, Miss Keandra
3 Marlaine McDonald's prizes include: a U. S. Savings Bond, her artwork is
4 featured on the Armed Services YMCA website, asymca.org and will be
5 created into a poster for distribution to members of Congress and Department
6 of Defense officials; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Keandra's artwork will also be featured in a book entitled "My
8 Hero" authored by Alan Appel and Mike Rothmiller having collected more than one
9 hundred (100) essays and artwork from children whose parents are serving or have
10 served in the military. The children's heartfelt, moving, sometimes funny, and
11 completely honest observations about their moms and dads truly capture the emotional
12 connection between parent and child that cannot be severed even when a parent is
13 thousands of miles away, gone for long stretches of time, and in danger. Inspiring,
14 heartbreaking, and genuine, the book provides a fascinating look inside the hearts and
15 minds of kids who love and honor their moms and dads as heroes - at home or on the
16 battlefield; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Keandra's parents have been contacted by several mainland and
18 local news teams who published Keandra's winning artwork to include: the *Pacific*
19 *Navigator*, *Stars and Stripes* and the *Pacific Daily News*; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the inspiration behind Keandra's island-themed drawing was her
21 father, BM2 Christopher Flores. She drew her father's boat along with some palm

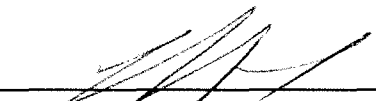
1 trees, flags of the United States and Guam to represent the unity between the mainland
2 and our island; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Miss Keandra Marlaine McDonald serves as a source of
4 inspiration to her classmates, friends, and family, to whom she has always been
5 encouraged spiritually and personally; now, therefore, be it

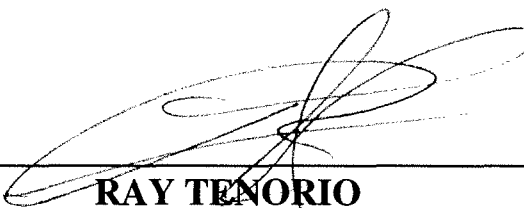
6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, expresses its congratulations to Ms. Keandra
8 Marlaine McDonald for winning Second (2nd) Place overall in the annual Armed
9 Services YMCA National Art Contest; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
11 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
12 Miss Keandra Marlaine McDonald; to Mayor and Mrs. Paul McDonald; to Mr. Joseph
13 Borja and Ms. Elise Flores; to Mrs. Therese Diaz, McCool Elementary and Middle
14 School; to Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
15 Fourteenth District, Honolulu, Hawaii; to Lieutenant Commander Jeffery F.
16 Neumann, USCG Commanding Officer, USCGC SEQUOIA (WLB-215); to
17 Lieutenant Thomas D'Arcy and/or Command Chief David J. Mann on behalf of the
18 USCGC SEQUOIA (WLB-215); and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
19 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature