

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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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, and for his making the ultimate sacrifice in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces on March 25, 2008; and to extending a heartfelt *Si Yu'us Ma'åse'* and sincere condolences to Mrs. Michelle G. Gamboa and family and all of their relatives and friends.

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

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

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

7 **WHEREAS**, on October 23, 1995, Joe married Michelle Borja Guerrero,
8 and together they created a life of their own over the past twelve and a half
9 years; and

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

14 **WHEREAS**, Joe proved to be an excellent soldier and worked his way
15 up the ranks to his present rank of Staff Sergeant; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Gamboa was first deployed to Iraq in October
17 2004 for a period of twelve (12) months, during which he narrowly avoided
18 injury or worse by keeping his unit at their jobsite rather than going to the
19 mess tent, and by doing so avoided a suicide bomber who blew himself up in
20 the mess tent which they later learned was the target of a suicide bomber who
21 blew himself up inside; and

22 **WHEREAS**, following his safe return from his first deployment to Iraq
23 in 2005, Sergeant Gamboa was given a list of three (3) bases to be assigned to,
24 and he chose Vilseck, Germany as his next duty station, and in June and

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

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

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

11 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Joseph Duenas Gamboa is survived by his loving
12 wife Michelle and they are blessed with six (6) children: Krystianna Mychaila,
13 Austin Joseph, Ashton Joseph, Savannah Joelle†, Avery Joseph, and Isabella
14 Jomia; his parents, Francisco M. and Cecilia D. Gamboa; his siblings Francisco,
15 Marcy G. Rose, Vincent, Ann Margaret, Evelyn, Kanny, Linda G. Salas, and
16 Norbert Apatang; his parents-in-law Pedro S.N. and Angela Guerrero and
17 Dorothy B. and Michael D. Carlson; his siblings-in-law Peter J. and Gloriana P.
18 Guerrero, and Perry J. Guerrero; and numerous other family members and
19 friends; and

20 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* joins our island
21 community in paying tribute to the late Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Duenas
22 Gamboa, an outstanding young man who cared for his country and his island,
23 and who has become one of America's heroes having made the ultimate
24 sacrifice, and his memory will forever live in the hearts of the Gamboa and

1 Guerrero families, and his extended family and many friends; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, remember Army Staff Sergeant
5 Joseph Duenas Gamboa for his unselfish service to the United States of
6 America and the people of Guam, and for making the ultimate sacrifice in
7 combat while serving in the United States Armed Services on March 25, 2008;
8 and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
10 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend a heartfelt *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*
11 and its sincere condolences to his wife Mrs. Michelle G. Gamboa, and their
12 children; to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Gamboa; and to all of Staff
13 Sergeant Gamboa's family and friends; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
15 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter transmitted to Staff Sergeants Gamboa's, wife, Mrs. Michelle G.
17 Gamboa; to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Gamboa; to the Honorable
18 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives;
19 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature