

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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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 *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan, a career Airman,**
4 **who came to Andersen AFB, Guam, in July 2006, has since given unselfishly**

1 in promoting friendship between the United States Air Force and the people
2 of Guam, and has had an outstanding tour of duty on Guam, where his
3 presence will surely be missed by friends in the military as well as the civilian
4 community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan, a professional Airman and
6 Civil Engineer assigned as Chief Enlisted Manager, 36th Civil Engineer
7 Squadron, has demonstrated great faith in the strategic importance of Guam
8 and has been a strong advocate for increased construction and infrastructure
9 improvements to the island. He masterfully managed a staggering Two
10 Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) in construction projects, bringing
11 valuable work to Guam contractors and suppliers. As a volunteer both on
12 and off base, he dedicated his time and efforts to improving the lives of both
13 the island of Guam and Team Andersen; and

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

22 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan is a staunch supporter of
23 base appearance and through his leadership, the 36th Civil Engineer

1 Squadron maintained its in-house Grounds Maintenance Team of thirty (30)
2 civilian employees demonstrating it as the most efficient process for
3 maintaining Andersen's grounds in prestige condition. He continues to
4 maintain Andersen in such a pristine condition, making all who come to the
5 island of Guam via Andersen AFB revel in its natural beauty. As an example,
6 he made the base ready for the Vice President of the United States, and
7 hundreds of distinguished visitors each year; and

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

14 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan was a strong environmental
15 advocate; he exceptionally managed Pacific Air Forces' only Environmental
16 Protection Agency permitted landfill and dramatically increased the base
17 recycling program. He also partnered with the Guam Environmental
18 Protection Agency to enhance the island's recycling programs. Chief Kaplan
19 also initiated the Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) clean-up of the *Urunao*
20 World War II Dump Site; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan was dedicated to
22 public safety; his Explosive Ordinance Disposal experts responded to and
23 safely destroyed hazardous munitions items found on both Andersen Air
24 Force Base and in the local community, including two (2) five hundred (500)

1 pound World War II bombs found near *Ritidian Point*. Under his leadership,
2 his fire fighters were instrumental in joint operations in the local community
3 with the Guam Fire Department, including countless water rescues and
4 recovery efforts, including the loss of six (6) crew members after the tragic
5 crash of a B-52 and a mutual aid response with the Yigo Fire Department to
6 extinguish a B-2 bomber after it crashed on Andersen Air Force Base; and

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

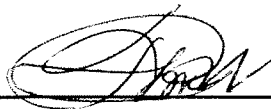
12 **WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Kaplan is engaged in activities in the
13 surrounding islands during his tenure, including two (2) Air Force Civic
14 Action Teams deployed to Palau where they provided construction projects
15 and medical visits to all states within the republic. Chief Kaplan also led the
16 purchase and delivery of a Bobcat skid steer loader to the team which was
17 used immediately on critical road repairs. Chief Master Sergeant Paul S.
18 Kaplan was also a staunch supporter of Operation Christmas Drop, the
19 longest running humanitarian airdrop operation in history; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and express deep
23 gratitude to Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan, United States Air Force, for

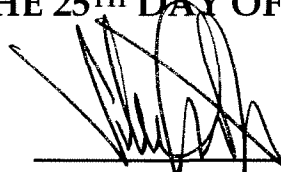
1 his many contributions to the people of Guam; and does salute him for
2 outstanding duty, particularly in his efforts to promote and foster a better
3 relationship between the Air Force and the people of Guam, and does wish
4 Chief Master Sergeant Paul S. Kaplan continued success in his military career;
5 and be it further

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature