

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Army Major Henry San Nicolas Ofeciar, and to extending sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Army Major Henry San Nicolas Ofeciar was born
4 on July 5, 1970 to his proud parents, Pedro Ofeciar, Agnes San Nicolas Rillera,
5 and Leonard Mendiola Rillera, was called to his eternal reward on August 27,
6 2007 at the age of thirty seven (37) years; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the U. S. Army relates that Major Henry San Nicolas
2 Ofeciar died from injuries sustained in an attack in Jalalabad as a result of
3 small arms fire and RPGs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, those who knew him best describe “Hank”, Ofeciar as
5 officer and a gentleman. Since his passing, the countless recollections about
6 the man heard at *I Liheslatura* describe a happy person and proud islander,
7 dedicated to his family, his friends, his country and his homeland. When our
8 nation needed him to serve, “Hank” knew without hesitation that it was an
9 obligation to serve his country in the armed forces he so loved and cherished.
10 Hank knew that freedom was not free, numerous soldiers before him had
11 paid the ultimate price so that we could enjoy the freedom that we all
12 sometimes take for granted; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Hank’s easy-going, playful nature co-existed with the heart
14 of a true soldier. Having received his commission from the Army in 1993 after
15 graduating from the University of Guam, Hank earned a Master's Degree in
16 Finance from Syracuse University. His duties posted him all over the world,
17 most recently with the formidable 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley,
18 Kansas; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in the words of Major General Donald Goldhorn, Adjutant
20 General of the Guam National Guard, “Major Ofeciar served with flawless
21 distinction as a leader of a dedicated training team responsible for working
22 with the Afghan Police; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Major Ofeciar was many things to those people who had
24 the privilege of knowing him, he was a jokester, confidant, steadfast listener,

1 and the type of person who would call you out of the blue and welcome you,
2 even after years of being away; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the history he helped to forge and the flag he gave his life
4 to defend do not shield the pain felt by those he leaves behind. His parents,
5 in-laws, and scores of acquaintances shed tears, both for the man that's no
6 longer with us, but also with pride for the manner in which he gave his life;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, together with *I*
9 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*, on behalf of a truly grateful people, honor the life of a hero
10 and welcome home our brother, Major Henry San Nicolas Ofeciar, a man of
11 faith, courage and conviction. A man of honor. To his family, friends and all
12 those whose lives were touched by Major Henry San Nicolas Ofeciar, *I*
13 *Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, together with *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*,
14 want you to know that the people of Guam stand with you as we remember
15 the life and the legacy of this brave soldier. Please accept our sincerest
16 condolences, our deepest gratitude and our support during this very difficult
17 time; now, therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* joins our
19 island community to pay tribute to the late Army Major Henry San Nicolas
20 Ofeciar, an outstanding young man who loved America who now becomes
21 one of America's heroes. Army Major Henry San Nicolas Ofeciar will forever
22 be remembered in the minds and hearts of his parents, siblings, his family at
23 the Guam Army National Guard and the people of Guam; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
25 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, remember Army Major Henry San

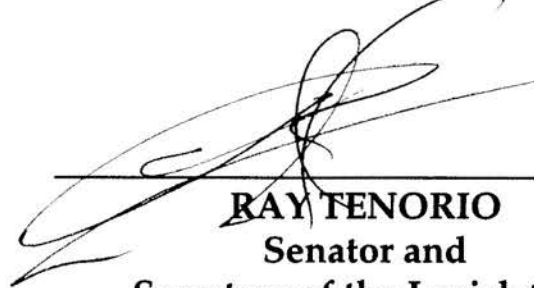
1 Nicolas Ofeciar for his unselfish service to the United States of America and
2 the people of Guam and for making the ultimate sacrifice in combat on
3 August 27, 2007 while serving in the United States Armed Services; and be it
4 further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
6 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
7 thereafter transmitted to the Family of the late Army Major Henry San Nicolas
8 Ofeciar; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the
9 United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
10 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.**



EDWARD J.B CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature