

**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Juan Arceo Quidachay, recipient of the Silver Star Medal, for his exceptionally valorous and heroic actions on October 1, 1969, during the Vietnam War, and for his distinguished service and unwavering devotion to duty.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Juan Arceo Quidachay honorably served in the United
4 States Army during the Vietnam War, assigned as a Point Man with Company B, 2d
5 Battalion, 1st Infantry, Americal Division; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1969, while conducting routine combat operations in
7 the Republic of Vietnam, Company B discovered an enemy bunker believed to be
8 occupied by hostile forces; and

9 **WHEREAS**, after several attempts to lure the enemy out of the emplacement
10 proved futile, a hand grenade was thrown into the bunker, but voices of enemy
11 combatants were still heard within; and

12 **WHEREAS**, with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class
13 (PFC) Juan Arceo Quidachay, armed only with a .45 caliber pistol, courageously
14 entered the bunker to confront the enemy; and

1 **WHEREAS**, while inside the enemy emplacement, PFC Quidachay engaged in
2 close combat, killing one North Vietnamese Army soldier, capturing another, and
3 compelling three additional enemy soldiers to surrender, thereby neutralizing the threat
4 and preventing further casualties among his unit; and

5 **WHEREAS**, his extraordinary bravery, quick decision-making, and selfless
6 disregard for his own safety resulted in the overall success of the mission and provided
7 his commander with valuable intelligence information crucial to ongoing operations;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, for his heroic actions, PFC Quidachay was awarded the Bronze Star
10 Medal for heroism in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the
11 Republic of Vietnam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, recognizing that his actions exceeded the standard of bravery
13 required for the Bronze Star, Sergeant Quidachay submitted a formal request to the
14 Army Board for Correction of Military Records on April 8, 2017, to upgrade his award
15 to the Silver Star Medal the United States Armed Forces' third-highest personal
16 decoration for valor in combat; and

17 **WHEREAS**, upon review, Sergeant Quidachay was rightfully awarded the
18 Silver Star Medal for his exceptionally valorous and heroic actions on October 1, 1969,
19 while serving with Company B, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry; and

20 **WHEREAS**, throughout his distinguished military career, Sergeant Quidachay
21 received multiple decorations recognizing his valor, heroism, professionalism, and
22 service, including the Silver Star Medal; Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device; Bronze
23 Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster);
24 Purple Heart; Good Conduct Medal (4th Award); Vietnam Service Medal; National
25 Defense Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with "60" Device;
26 Overseas Service Ribbon (1); Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development
27 Ribbon (2); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Bar (6); participation in the

1 Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969, Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970, Sanctuary Counter-
2 Offensive 1970, and Vietnam Counter-Offensive Phase VII 1971 Campaigns; and
3 earned the Hand Grenade, Expert, and Rifle M-16, Expert qualifications; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these honors and distinctions reflect not only Sergeant Quidachay’s
5 exceptional valor under fire, but also his steadfast dedication, leadership, and exemplary
6 conduct throughout his years of military service; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Sergeant Quidachay’s personal heroism, professional competence,
8 and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States
9 Army, and his actions brought great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the
10 United States of America; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam take immense pride in the valor and sacrifice
12 demonstrated by Sergeant Juan Arceo Quidachay, whose actions embody the strength,
13 courage, and patriotism of the Chamorro people who have long served with distinction
14 in the Armed Forces of the United States; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
17 of Guam, recognize and commend Juan Arceo Quidachay, recipient of the Silver Star
18 Medal, for his exceptionally valorous and heroic actions on October 1, 1969, during the
19 Vietnam War, and for his distinguished service and unwavering devotion to duty; and
20 be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to Juan Arceo Quidachay; and to the Honorable
24 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH 2025.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary