

**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Session, 2021

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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To honor and commend the United States Coast Guardsmen that have served the CNMI under the leadership of Admiral Karl L. Schultz.

1 **WHEREAS**, a great community is only as great as those that have provided
2 selfless service, whether through unique personal achievement or other endeavors,
3 or simply through a mission of public service in the United States Armed Forces;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its
6 longstanding traditions, the Legislature is justly proud to acknowledge the United
7 States Coast Guard's ongoing service in the CNMI; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Loran Station was established
9 on the southwest corner of Saipan approximately one mile north of Agingan Point
10 on March 1, 1945 providing planes and vessels the benefit of a single line of
11 position; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Boatswain's Mate Second Class David M. Lorange was cited
13 for extraordinary heroism on the afternoon of March 19, 1979 when he rescued a

1 young boy from drowning in the turbulent surf at Agingan Point, Saipan. Petty
2 Officer Lorange dove off the 10 to 12 foot cliff and swam through the 15 foot
3 breaking surf and 10 foot swells to the helpless boy. Reaching the bleeding victim,
4 Petty Officer Lorange quickly calmed him down and towed him to the base of the
5 cliff and assisted in treating the boy for shock and lacerations. Petty Officer
6 Lorange demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude, and daring in
7 spite of imminent personal danger in this rescue. His unselfish actions, courage and
8 unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United
9 States Coast Guard; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, the Marine Safety Detachment Saipan was
11 established serving under Sector Guam. To this day, the team carries out safety and
12 security inspections on vessels and facilities, provides support for search and rescue
13 and responds to typhoons and oil spills to keep the people of the CNMI safe and
14 protect the seas from environmental harm; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Government of the CNMI and the USCG District
16 14 established a Recreational Boating Safety Cooperative Agreement in which
17 important roles and responsibilities such as search & rescue, law enforcement, and
18 information sharing were defined. This establishment of mutual assistance and
19 corporative partnership is a testament to the strong foundation that has been built
20 over the years; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2018, Admiral Schultz assumed the duties as the
2 26th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, a position he currently holds
3 to this very day; and selected LCDR Christine Torres Igisomar from CNMI to be
4 his Military Aide; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in March 2021, Marine Safety Detachment Saipan established
6 a Memorandum of Agreement with Tasi to Table and Saipan International School.
7 The Partnership in Education was formed to work together to invest in the education
8 of the CNMI's youth and increase awareness of the USCG, its missions and career
9 opportunities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in May 2021, a record five CNMI residents have received
11 appointments to the Coast Guard Academy Scholars program. Pution Palacios-
12 Camacho, Kyle San Nicolas, Noah Mesa, David Igisomar, and Seiji Gonzales
13 completed the rigorous application process, which included a full college
14 application, physical fitness test, and comprehensive medical exams to meet the
15 high bar for acceptance. They will all attend a college preparatory school for one
16 year and, upon completion of that program, will automatically gain an appointment
17 to the Coast Guard Academy Class of 2026; and

18 **WHEREAS**, as the Commandant, Admiral Schultz is tasked to uphold the
19 integrity of the United States Coast Guard by safeguarding the American people
20 and promoting national security, border security, and economic prosperity in a
21 complex and evolving maritime environment; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
2 Islands, it is with great pleasure that this august body, representing the people of
3 this grateful territory of the United States of America, conveys our unequivocal
4 support and gratitude to the remarkable women and men of the United States Coast
5 Guard who continue to proudly serve our Nation; and

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of
7 Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth
8 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the House honors and commends the United
9 States Coast Guardsmen that have served the CNMI under the leadership of
10 Admiral Karl L. Schultz; and

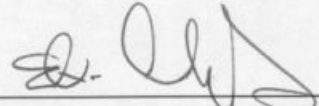
11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk
13 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint
14 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a copy to Admiral Karl L.
15 Schultz, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; the Honorable Ralph DLG.
16 Torres, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable
17 Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 117th
18 United States Congress; the Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider, Senate President,
19 22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable David M.
20 Apatang, Mayor, the Municipality of Saipan; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan,
21 Mayor, the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan; the Honorable Efraim Atalig,

- 1 Mayor, the Municipality of Rota; and the Honorable Vicente C. Santos, Mayor, the
- 2 Municipality of the Northern Islands.

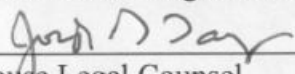
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Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

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