

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

5th Spec. SESSION, 2025

S.R. NO. 24-07

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To honor the service of Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard Hofschneider upon his retirement from the United States Coast Guard and to commend his exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to serving and protecting our nation.

1 **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body is honored to recognize the sons and daughters
2 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands who answered the call to serve their
3 nation with courage and dedication, protecting our nation's borders, and proudly
4 representing our island community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard Hofschneider was raised on the
6 beautiful island of Tinian grounded in respect and humility, with a love for music and pride
7 for his people; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in November 2000, Chief Hofschneider graduated from Coast Guard
9 Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey at the top of his company, earning him selection
10 as the company's Honor Graduate and soon after was assigned to the Deck Department
11 aboard *USCGC Sassafras* in Apra Harbor, Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, Chief Hofschneider was assigned to *USCGC Sequoia* and is
13 one of the original crewmembers or "Plank Owner," who sailed the vessel from Marinette,
14 Wisconsin to her new homeport of Apra Harbor, Guam; and

15 **WHEREAS**, following this tour, Chief Hofschneider took on the role of
16 Operations Petty Officer at Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Kennewick, Washington in
17 2006, which proudly he serve for the next two years; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, Chief Hofschneider was assigned as the Operations Petty
19 Officer aboard *USCGC Key Largo* and *USCGC Cushing* both homeported in San Juan,

1 Puerto Rico conducting counter-drug operations and migrant interdiction operations in the
2 Caribbean; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Chief Hofschneider returned to ANT Kennewick as the
4 Executive Petty Officer; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, Chief Hofschneider took an assignment as Deck Chief
6 aboard *USCGC Rush* and *USCGC Sherman* in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, Chief Hofschneider accepted assignment as Executive Petty
8 Officer aboard *USCGC Halibut* in Marina Del Rey, California. During this assignment,
9 Chief Hofschneider simultaneously attended Thomas Edison State University and
10 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
11 in 2019; and

12 **WHEREAS**, following this noble achievement, since July 2019, Chief
13 Hofschneider has been assigned to the “Ready for Operations” Chief in the Emergency
14 Management & Force Readiness Division of USCG Forces Micronesia / Sector Guam
15 (FMSG). In this role, he assesses the readiness and compliance of all Coast Guard Units
16 assigned to FMSG to include all Fast Response Cutters and Station Apra Harbor. He
17 inspects material condition of vessels, assesses unit training programs, and evaluates crew
18 proficiency; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Chief Hofschneider has been recognized for his achievements with
20 numerous commendations, medals, and honors throughout his distinguished career,
21 including eight Coast Guard Commendation Medals, a Coast Guard Achievement Medal,
22 and three CG Commandant’s Letter of Commendations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Chief Hofschneider has earned the respect and admiration of fellow
24 service members and his island community as the first resident of Tinian to join the US
25 Coast Guard; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Chief Hofschneider remains humble to his upbringing, married to his
27 life partner Marjorie Dela Cruz with whom they have raised proudly raised two wonderful
28 children, their daughter, Kayori, and their son, Oen; and


1 **WHEREAS**, Chief Hofschneider has made significant contributions to the
2 mission of the United States Coast Guard, leaving an enduring legacy of service,
3 professionalism, and sacrifice that continues to inspire future generations of Coast Guard
4 personnel from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
6 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Senate hereby joins the people of
7 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in honoring and commending Chief
8 Boatswain's Mate Richard Hofschneider for his exceptional service, leadership, and
9 dedication to serving our nation and bringing immense pride to the Commonwealth of the
10 Northern Mariana Islands; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Senate hereby extends our deepest
12 gratitude to Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard Hofschneider for his sacrifices and
13 contributions, and wish him continued success and fulfillment in the next chapter of his
14 life;

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify, and
16 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter
17 the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard
18 Hofschneider; the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the
19 Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the
21 Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives
22 Washington, 119th United States Congress; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of the
23 Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan; and the Honorable Joseph E. Santos, Chairman of
24 the 20th Tinian Municipal Council.


Date: 7/31/25

Introduced By: 

Senator Karl R. King-Nabors



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