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NEW MEXICO STATE CONFERENCE  
LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN  
CITIZENS

*LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO April 28, 2007*

**For the  
Congressional Medal of Honor Recommendation  
For  
CORPORAL GUY LOUIS GABALDON  
UNITED STATES MARINE**

Paul Martinez  
State Chairman  
New Mexico  
League of United Latin American Citizens

Prepared by  
Alfredo Lugo  
Past Executive State Director  
California League of United Latin  
American Citizens

## *RESOLUTION*

- WHEREAS,* Private First Class Marine Guy L. Gabaldon was recognized and awarded by the United States of America for his extra heroism while serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Second Marines, in action against enemy Japanese forces and the capture of 1,500 of the enemy and Japanese civilians on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, South Pacific Area from 15 June to 1, August 1944
- WHEREAS,* In a letter of endorsement dated 13 May 1960 on Commandant of the Marine Corps letter DLA-gjb of April 22, from Colonel John L. Schwabe 08506 USMCR, Retired via Brigadier General Walter J. Stuart 03923 USMC, Retired Subject: Award; case of Guy L. Gabaldon, former Private First Class 517054 USMC, information concerning request for recommendation for the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- Colonel Schwabe testified to Gabaldon's extraordinary feats of heroism that readily illustrates the logic and reason for recommending him for the Congressional Medal of Honor Award.
- WHEREAS,* Col. Schwabe testified that he recalled that he did discuss Gabaldon's performance and expressed his belief that he deserved the Congressional Medal of Honor with General Walter J. Stuart who was the Regimental Commander at the time. He further testified that he believed that his recommendation was made orally during a general discussion of candidates for awards in a regimental staff meeting after the campaign had terminated.
- WHEREAS,* Private First Class Guy Gabaldon was recognized for capturing both civilian and military personnel throughout the entire campaign, PFC Gabaldon entered enemy positions in caves, pillboxes, buildings and jungle brush and in the face of direct fire, obtained vital information and captured over one thousand enemy civilians and military personnel. PFC Gabaldon worked alone in the front lines throughout the campaign.
- WHEREAS,* PFC Guy Gabaldon was awarded a Purple Heart in a letter from the U.S Naval Hospital Santa Magarita Ranch, Oceanside, California in the name of the President of the United States and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, on 25, January 1945.
- WHEREAS,* PFC Guy Gabaldon was awarded the SILVER STAR MEDAL by the President of the United States for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Japanese Interpreter with Headquarters and Service Company during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Gabaldon and the United States Naval Service.
- WHEREAS,* PFC Guy Gabaldon was awarded the NAVY CROSS by the President of the United States for his valiant and distinguished exploits, which was an important contribution to the successful prosecution of the campaign, and efforts, a definite humane treatment of civilian prisoners was assured. His continually inspiring devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That this organization,

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Joins in full endorsement and support of Alfred Lugo's resolution along with the New Mexico League of United Latin American Citizens in their campaign and efforts to support and encourage the President of the United States of America and the United States Congress to award Marine Corporal Guy L. Gabaldon the Congressional Medal of Honor

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State Conference Meeting held in  
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By a majority of the members present, urge the U.S. Defense Department, Congressmen and Congresswomen via President George W. Bush to award Marine Corporal Guy L. Gabaldon the Congressional Medal of Honor

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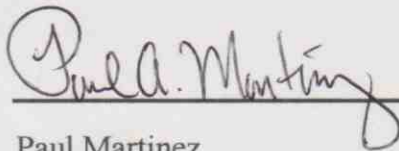
Executive Board Members and general members contact his/her federally elected officials to urge the support of the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Marine Corporal Guy L. Gabaldon

**SUBMITTED BY:** Alfredo Lugo, Member New Mexico LULAC Council 120

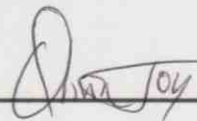
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand for the,

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This Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_



Paul Martinez  
State Director  
New Mexico  
League of United Latin American Citizens



Olivia Joy  
State Secretary





# League of United Latin American Citizens

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens is this nation's oldest and largest Latino organization, founded in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 24, 1929; and

WHEREAS, LULAC throughout its history has committed itself to the principle that Latinos have equal access to opportunities in employment, education, housing and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, LULAC has supported the principles of equal opportunities for economic development, political influence, civil rights and the general welfare for all Latinos in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Latino community has sacrificed many of its sons and daughters in the military service for this country to preserve its freedom, and has earned the most Congressional of Honor recipients

WHEREAS, another Latino son, Private First Class Marine Guy Louis Gabaldon was recognized and awarded by the United States of America for his extraordinary heroism while serving with the Second Marines in action against enemy Japanese forces and the capture of 1,500 enemy and Japanese civilians on Saipan and Tinian, Mariana Islands from June 15th to August 1, 1944; and

WHEREAS, PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon was recognized for capturing both civilian and military personnel throughout the entire campaign, working alone in the front lines of the campaign entering enemy positions in caves, pillboxes, buildings and jungle brush even in the face of direct fire, and obtaining vital information and the surrender of over one thousand enemy soldiers and civilians; and

WHEREAS, PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action on Saipan, Mariana Islands: and

WHEREAS, PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon was awarded the Silver Star Medal by the President of the United States for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Japanese interpreter during action against enemy Japanese forces in Saipan and Tinian, Mariana Islands, from June 5th to August 1, 1944, his courage and devotion to duty reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the United States Marine Corp, and

WHEREAS, PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon was awarded the Navy Cross although he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor by the President of the United States for his valiant and distinguished exploits, which were important to the campaign and successful war effort, and

WHEREAS, PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon's heroics were later memorialized in the film "Hell to Eternity," starring Jeffrey Hunter and

WHEREAS, PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon passed away on August 31, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we petition the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress to posthumously award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Marine Corporal Guy Louis Gabaldon, that his name be added to the United States Post Office for the creation of a stamp in his honor and that we, also petition Hollywood to reproduce the movie Hell to Eternity and have the role of Guy Louis Gabaldon played correctly by a Latino actor so our children can learn and see the important roles our fathers, mothers, grandmothers and grandfathers made in the War efforts so they to have role models.

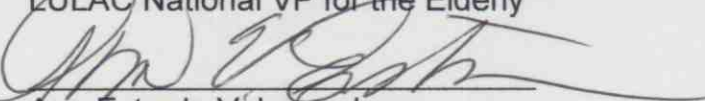
This resolution was submitted to the assembly at the LULAC State Convention on May 19, 2007, LULAC unanimously accepted the aforementioned resolution.



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