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Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Paul C. Bassler for his years of service to the island of Guam in the field of agriculture; to extending a most sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to he and his wife, Dorothy H. Bassler; and to further expressing Godspeed and best wishes to them on their future endeavors.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in March 1972, because of stories from a friend, the intrigue of a
4 small tropical island in the Western Pacific lured an adventurous young couple,
5 nineteen (19) year-old Paul C. Bassler and his wife, Dorothy H. Bassler, to Guam,

1 where after traveling around the world and arriving on a flight from India, they fell in
2 love with the island they would then call home for close to forty (40) years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Paul was born on June 5, 1952, in Alhambra, California; and he is
4 the son of Mike and Anna Bassler, whose other children are Kirk, Jim, Chris (Paul's
5 identical twin brother, who has lived on Guam as long as Paul) and Anne; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Paul graduated from Lakewood High School in 1970, and then
7 attended Long Beach City College. He married Dorothy in 1971, and together they
8 raised a son, Joshua, and a daughter, Myia, who married Joseph Perez, and they
9 blessed the Basslers with a granddaughter, Ramelia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Paul and Dorothy lived in *Merizo* with their family for a quarter
11 of a century, but have also resided in the villages of *Agat*, *Santa Rita*, *Inarajan*,
12 *Tamuning*, *Mangilao* and *Barrigada*, after spending their first few years on Guam
13 living off the land; growing food, fishing, doing odd jobs, learning from the
14 *man'amko'* of *Inarajan* how to weave palm fronds from the nipa tree, and eventually
15 learning to build homes in the ancient *Chamorro* tradition, where they lived for a
16 number of years before Typhoon Pamela destroyed the structure in 1976; and

17 **WHEREAS**, throughout the years, Paul had a colorful array of jobs, to include
18 working at the *Piti* USO Café, and at the Andersen Air Force Base Galley; working as
19 a contracted boat operator at *Cocos* Island for the removal of garbage, animal feed and
20 laundry; spending thirteen (13) years as a free-lance writer for the Pacific Daily News,
21 as well as a writer for Continental Air Micronesia from 1985 to 1998; he worked as a
22 publisher of a free newspaper in 1999, before working for Senator Kaleo Moylan as a
23 speech and bill writer from 2000 to 2001; and he has also worked as a construction
24 supply company general manager; and as the manager of an organic fruit tree nursery
25 and garden shop, from 2001 to 2003; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Paul began his career at the Department of Agriculture in January

1 *Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to he and his wife, Dorothy C. Bassler; and does further express
2 Godspeed and best wishes to them on their future endeavors, and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Paul
5 C. Bassler and family; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
6 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary