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Relative to recognizing and congratulating President Ma Ying-jeou on his re-election as President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Ma Ying-jeou was born in Hong Kong on July 13, 1950, the only
4 male child in a family of five (5) children; and a year later he moved to Taiwan, where
5 he has lived ever since; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ma's father, Ma Ho-ling, was originally from Hengshan County,
7 in the Hunan Province of the Chinese mainland. During his early years, the elder Ma

8 was deeply involved in patriotic activities, joining the Youth Army and fighting in the
9 Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945); and

10 **WHEREAS**, throughout his lifetime, Ma's father, Ma Ho-ling, dedicated
11 himself to his government and country, and had served in various positions and
12 capacities in the KMT Party and government after the war against Japan in 1945 until
13 his death at the age of eighty-five (85) in 2005; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ma Ying-jeou's mother, Chin Houhsiu, had also devoted her life
15 to the government, and is now a retired civil servant; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1977, Ma Ying-jeou married the former Chow Mei-ching, and
17 together they have two (2) daughters, Ma Weichung and Ma Yuan-chung; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, Ma Ying-jeou graduated from Taiwan's foremost
19 academic institution, the National Taiwan University, where he received a Bachelor's
20 Degree from the College of Law; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Ma Ying-jeou earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree from
22 New York University in 1976, and a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) Degree from
23 Harvard Law School in 1981, specializing in law of the sea and international
24 economic law; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ma Ying-jeou became the Deputy Director of the First Bureau of
26 the Presidential Office, and in this post he served as President Chiang Ching-kuo's
27 English interpreter and secretary; and he concurrently served as Deputy Secretary
28 General of the KMT's Central Committee. In 1986, he was assigned by President
29 Chiang the heavy task of researching the possibility of lifting martial law, relaxing
30 restrictions on cross strait contacts (thus permitting residents in Taiwan to visit their
31 China mainland relatives), and reforming the parliament; and

32 **WHEREAS**, on October 7, 1986, President Chiang granted an interview to
33 Katherine Graham, publisher of the Washington Post, and during the interview,

34 President Chiang announced that Taiwan would act as soon as possible to lift martial
35 law and the ban on forming new political parties. This event marked a momentous
36 turning point in Taiwan's democratic development; and

37 **WHEREAS**, as the President's English interpreter and secretary at the time,
38 Ma Ying-jeou was a witness to this historic milestone in Chinese Civilization.
39 Subsequently, in 1988, Ma Ying-jeou was appointed as the Chairman of the Research,
40 Development, and Evaluation Commission of the Executive Yuan. Concurrently, he
41 was also assigned to form a Mainland Affairs Task Force, and subsequently became
42 the body's Executive Secretary; and

43 **WHEREAS**, three (3) years later, Ma Ying-jeou was appointed to the newly
44 established Mainland Affairs Council, becoming its first-ever Vice Chairperson, while
45 concurrently serving as a KMT representative at-large in the Second National
46 Assembly; and

47 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Ma Ying-jeou was appointed to serve as Minister of
48 Justice, a position in which he launched an aggressive campaign to fight against
49 corruption and drugs, and investigated allegations of vote-buying; and

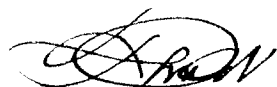
50 **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2008, Ma Ying-jeou was inaugurated as the President
51 of the Republic of China (ROC). During the presidential election, Ma Ying-jeou
52 campaigned on a platform to revive Taiwan's fledgling economy and restore the core
53 values of benevolence, righteousness, diligence, honesty, generosity, and
54 industriousness. On election day, Ma Ying-jeou secured a landslide victory with a
55 total of 7.65 million ballots, or 58.5 percent of the vote. This election represented
56 Taiwan's second peaceful transfer of political power, marking a milestone in the
57 island's democratic development; and

58 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2012, President Ma Ying-jeou was re-elected as
59 the thirteenth (13th) term president, with 6.89 million ballots, or 51.6 percent of the
60 vote; now therefore, be it

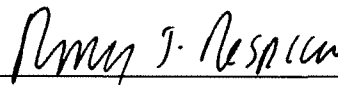
61 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
62 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate President Ma Ying-jeou
63 on his re-election as President of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and be it further

64 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
65 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to President
66 Ma Ying-jeou; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 1ST OF MAY 2012.



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Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules