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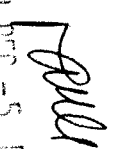
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**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING THE GUAM FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION ON THEIR "INAGURATION OF
FOOTBALL TURF AND MINI-PITCHES OF THE GUAM
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION" AND TO HONOR AND
RECOGNIZE FIFA PRESIDENT JOSEPH S. BLATTER'S
VISIT TO GUAM.**

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

WHEREAS, The Guam Football Association (GFA) was founded in 1975 in
an effort to establish football on Guam as a recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, with hard work, dedication and determination the GFA became
official members of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) in
1996; and

WHEREAS, by induction into FIFA, GFA became an official member of the
Asian Football Confederation (AFC); and

WHEREAS, GFA currently consists of approximately 1,500 athletes and
coaches comprising of 50-60 youth teams, 13 teams in the men's division, and 7
teams for the women; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Under-16, Under-19, as well as the men's and women's teams
2 have competed in numerous Pacific Games competitions, Championships, and World
3 Cup qualifying events; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the tournaments have allowed GFA teams to have competed in
5 numerous tournaments off island to include the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Vietnam,
6 China, Nepal, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Palau; and

7 **WHEREAS**, these events wouldn't be possible with out the continued support
8 and assistance from FIFA and the AFC;

9 **WHEREAS**, FIFA awards organizations such as GFA with Goal Program
10 projects slated to assist in the pursuit of the promotion and advancement of Football
11 on Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2003 the first FIFA Goal Program project was awarded for the
13 Guam Football Association Headquarters Building I providing for the partial
14 installment of lights for the lower and upper fields, a total investment of over
15 \$500,000; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 2006 the second installment of the FIFA Goal Program project
17 was awarded for the Guam Football Association Headquarters Building II for a
18 parking lot, futsal field, and to complete the lighting for the upper field, a total
19 investment of over \$1,200,000; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 the third installment of the FIFA Goal Program project
21 was awarded for the regulation sized Football Turf pitch, a total investment of over
22 \$800,000; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 2011 the fourth FIFA Goal Program project was awarded for
24 the Football Turf mini pitches, a total investment of over \$500,000; and

1 **WHEREAS**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* would like to honor and recognize the
2 momentous arrival of FIFA’s President Joseph “Sepp” Blatter’s to Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, President Blatter is an avid advocate for the perpetuation of
4 football in society as a form of health awareness and education; and therefore be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* would like to bestow their heartfelt
6 gratitude to the FIFA organization and to President Blatter’s continuous and generous
7 support of GFA and the promotion of Football on the island of Guam; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulates and commends the
9 Guam Football Association on their dedication to the health and wellness of the
10 island by continuing to expand the facilities for additional football activities; and be it
11 further

12 **RESOLVED**, that on this day, December 9, 2011, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and
13 the Guam Football Association commemorates the installation and completion of the
14 world-class turf pitch at the Harmon field with a ribbon cutting ceremony and
15 presentation entitled, “Inauguration of Football Turf and Mini-Pitches of the Guam
16 Football Association”; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
18 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
19 Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, FIFA President; Mr. Richard K. Lai, GFA President; Mr.
20 Pascual V. Artero, GFA Vice President; Mr. George Lai, GFA Treasurer; Mr.
21 Valentino San Gil, GFA General Secretary; Mr. Fank Angoco, GFA Executive
22 Member; Ms. Rhoda Bamba, GFA Executive Member; Mr. Joe Cepeda, GFA
23 Executive Member; Mr. Kenneth J. Lape, GFA Executive Member; Ms. Annette
24 Spindel, GFA Executive Member; Mr. Gian Tenorio, GFA Executive Member; Mr.

- 1 Zhang Jilong, AFC President; Congresswoman Madeline Bordallo, Guam
- 2 Congressional Delegate; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
- 3 *Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature