

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 136

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Relative to commending and congratulating Attorney Therese M. Terlaje for her outstanding service as Legal Counsel to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and as counsel to the Democratic Senators of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the past ten (10) years.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I***
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, Therese is one of ten (10) children and the eldest daughter**
4 **of former Senator Edward Terlaje and his wife Shirley Terlaje of Yona; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, upon graduating from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam,
2 Therese pursued her undergraduate studies and earned a Bachelor of Science
3 in Biology in 1985 from Creighton University, a respected Catholic University
4 in Omaha, Nebraska; and

5 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the need for attorneys, especially those rooted
6 on Guam and desiring to serve the interests of the island and her people,
7 Therese was inspired to continue her education and earned a degree of Juris
8 Doctor in 1989 from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); and

9 **WHEREAS**, while a first year law student at UCLA, Therese served as
10 Co-Chair of the Asian and Pacific Law Students Association (APLSA),
11 Admissions Committee, and through her work to ensure that minority
12 students were treated equally, she was responsible for the admission of
13 numerous minority and diversity students to UCLA's Law School; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Therese made history when she was elected the first Pacific
15 Islander to chair the Asian and Pacific Law Students Association; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Therese was chosen by a coalition of all minority
17 organizations at UCLA as the single student representative to the faculty
18 council to negotiate changes in diversity and minority student admissions to
19 law school; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Therese, despite the rigors of law school, found time to play
21 intramural volleyball for a team in Santa Monica; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Therese is admitted to practice law in both California and
23 Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, between the years 1990-1991, Therese worked as one of the
2 founding partners at the law firm of Torres, Phillips, Bordallo, Terlaje &
3 Barcinas, P.C.; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in late 1991, Therese started a new law firm known as
5 Barcinas & Terlaje, P.C.; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Therese is an active member of the Democratic Party of
7 Guam and has chaired the Party's Platform Committee on a number of
8 occasions; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party of Guam selected Therese to be the
10 Keynote Speaker at its Annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner in 1994; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Therese attended the National Democratic Convention as a
12 Guam delegate in 2004; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Therese has represented the Democratic Party as its
14 representative to the Guam Election Commission for two (2) terms; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Therese joined two (2) other local attorneys in defending
16 the constitutionality of the Chamorro Land Trust Act and successfully
17 obtained a judgment compelling the Government of Guam to implement the
18 Act; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Therese represented *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in the original
20 case brought before the Supreme Court of Guam to compel the executive
21 branch to say the Earned Income Tax Credit and successfully obtained a
22 Supreme Court decision upholding the validity of EITC; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Therese vigorously represented *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in a
24 lawsuit filed by Governor Felix Camacho regarding *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

1 authority to provide the Lt. Governor and other executive branch agencies
2 with independent authority; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Therese was a founding member of the Guam
4 Commonwealth Hearings Association, an organization that raised over Fifty
5 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to send local residents to Hawaii for the first (1st)
6 congressional hearings on the Guam Draft Commonwealth Act; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Therese is a loving, devoted mother of three (3) beautiful
8 daughters: Maria, Rita, and Arisa; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Therese is a proud soccer Mom and can be seen cheering at
10 Maria's soccer games; and

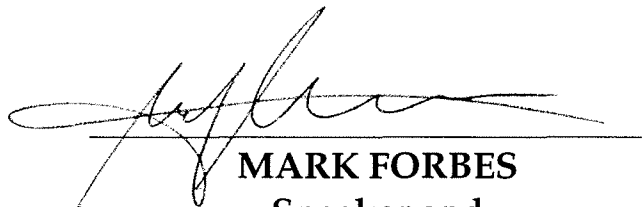
11 **WHEREAS**, Attorney Therese M. Terlaje has dedicated her professional
12 career for the past decade as Legal Counsel to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and
13 counsel to the Democratic Senators of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
17 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Attorney Therese M. Terlaje for
18 her outstanding service as Legal Counsel to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and counsel
19 to the Democratic Senators of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the past ten (10) years;
20 and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
23 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Attorney

- 1 Therese M. Terlaje; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Terlaje; and to the
- 2 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature